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News worth sharing.

▶ Bruny Surin, part of the Canadian 4 x 100-metre relay team that struck gold at the 1996 Atlanta Games, poses with his daughter Kimberly-Ann Surin, who is competing in the Rogers Cup pre-qualification tournament at the Rexall Centre. The pair was photographed during yesterday's rain delay at the Rexall Centre.

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Daughter takes different path

Word is the five-foot-11 Kimberly-Ann Surin packs a powerful serve and can get around the court in a hurry. She is currently ranked 171st in the ITF junior rankings and 801st on the Women's Tennis Association list. Dad Bruny, who helped give Canadians one of the greatest moments in the country's sports history, is in Toronto to cheer on his daughter.

Don't spare cops, firefighters, city manager says

Police and fire services have been traditionally spared brunt of belt-tightening ◐ Staff costs account for 80-90% of their budgets

If Toronto councillors spare police and fire services from the budget axe, it will fall that much harder on libraries, social programs and other services dear to Torontonians' hearts, says the city manager.

Joe Pennachetti made the remarks yesterday in an interview about the city's ongoing cross-department "efficiency review," a follow-up to KPMG's "core service" reports that caused an uproar by suggesting hundreds of millions of dollars in possible cuts.

The cuts include closing libraries, eliminating subsidies for 2,000 daycare spaces, cancelling grants for student nutrition and AIDS education, shutting long-term care homes, closing Riverdale farm and eliminating a bureau that helps deliver Christmas presents to poor children.

Pennachetti noted the reviews of how services can be done more efficiently — as opposed to whether they should be done at all — are meant to help all departments and agencies meet his directive to cut $380 million, 10 per cent of spending, or more.

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"The issue is going through services and looking at every efficiency possible before we get into impacts with staff. However, at the end of the day 10 per cent is very significant and there will be staff reductions."
CITY MANAGER JOE PENNACHETTI

"That $380 million includes all emergency services. If council is not willing to look at 10 per cent for them, it will be worse for the other services that Torontonians said ... are dear to their hearts."

Requested cuts from police and fire total $127 million — one-third of Pennachetti's across-the-board target and more than Toronto spends on its 1,512 parks.

Police Chief Bill Blair has warned that a $90 million cut to his budget would sacrifice 750 officers and 400 civilian staff.

Fire Chief Bill Stewart gave the budget committee a report saying a $37 million budget cut translates into 300 fewer firefighters.

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Riding. The Rocket

▶ Mayor Rob Ford joined federal Minister of Transport Denis Lebel, to Ford's left, and Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty, right of Ford, yesterday for a tour of the subway system and a ride on the first of the sleek new Toronto Rocket subway trains, which recently began running on the Yonge Street line. TTC Chair Karen Stintz is on the right.

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Getting a VIP tour of the subway system

The new train was put into service for a photo-op and the officials made no comments to the media. The VIPs got on board the new train at Union Station for a ride up the University/Spadina Line. The ministers also took a look at redevelopment currently in progress at Union Station.

Rick Vaive not sure why he lied

Former Toronto Maple Leafs captain tells his impaired driving trial he drank six beers but didn't feel drunk Despite the breathalyzer number, he insisted he wasn't inebriated

Former Toronto Maple Leafs captain Rick Vaive isn't sure why he lied to police after he was arrested for impaired driving.

"It just came out," Vaive, 52, told Newmarket court yesterday. "It was just one of those things."

Court earlier heard a recording of the former hockey star under questioning by a York Regional Police officer after he was arrested for impaired driving on July 14, 2009 in Vaughan, as he drove from a charity golf event.

"Have you had any alcohol?" an officer asked him.

"Not today," Vaive replied. "I had one beer."

"That's alcohol," the officer replied.

Vaive testified yesterday, before Justice Anne-Marie Hourigan, that he actually consumed a half dozen cans of Coors Light that day.

Court heard Justin Hinman, a toxicologist from the Centre for Forensic Sciences, testify that Vaive's blood alcohol level that evening was more than double the legal level of .08 mg.

Vaive said he wasn't drunk that evening as he drove his Ford F-150 pick-up truck home to Oakville.

He said he did feel tired and nervous, and suffering from an assortment of medical problems, when he was stopped by police on a southbound ramp from Highway 407 onto Highway 427.

Silver-haired and deeply tanned, Vaive appeared uncomfortable as he shifted in his chair while testifying.

He said he suffers from joint pain and a multitude of other ailments.

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"My ability to drive was fine. I had no issues with it. If I had, I wouldn't have driven."

RICK VAIVE

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Achieving dreams through mentorship

Room for Thought contest will match winners with mentors such as Emily Haines of the band Metric

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Known as a troublemaker back in seventh grade, Emily Haines spent hours in the principal's office. The ultimate punishment for her rebellious ways? Listening to music — lots of it.

"My principal would play me music, Beatles records, and say: 'Is this what you're into?'" said Haines, who heads up the popular Canadian band Metric.

"He arranged for me to prepare an audition for the Etobicoke School of the Arts, and that's where I really feel like that was the beginning of my life."

Now Haines wants to help others in the same way.

Along with the host of OLN's Survivorman, Les Stroud, and Free the Children co-founders Craig and Marc Kielburger, Haines will mentor three winning contestants of the Room for Thought contest launched by American Express Canada.

"It's not about people who want to do some big idea and get rich, it's about people who want to express their ideas and creativity."
SURVIVORMAN LES STROUD

It's all about unique ideas that give back to the community, and must fit into one of the three categories of music, community, and travel and adventure.

The three mentors will help contest winners execute and bring their ideas to life.

"It's not about people who want to do some big idea and get rich, it's about people who want to express their ideas and creativity and actually utilize it in ways that affect the society in a good way," said Stroud.

Room for Thought promotes the importance of mentorship, which Stroud said isn't practised enough these days.

"I think it's a great way to enlighten or illuminate the concept of mentorship itself. I think it's amazing how few people are actually mentored and how many of us are afraid to ask," he said. "This is an awesome concept, to achieve dreams through mentorship."

PATRICK DOYLE/OTTAWA BLUESFEST

▶ Emily Haines of Metric performs at the Ottawa Bluesfest on July 13.

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▶ OLN's Survivorman, Les Stroud

Room for Thought

- Ideas can be submitted to facebook.com/AmericanExpressCanada by Aug. 23.
- Winning ideas will be showcased for three days in November.

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▶ Craig and Marc Kielburger

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Responsible credit use helps newcomers attain independence

Heather Soares remembers teaching her daughters to be independent in their new Canadian surroundings. "When we realized the supermarket didn't offer bags or home delivery, the girls ran home for the luggage trolley," laughs Heather, who moved her two teenagers to Mississauga, Ontario from Pune, India.

Determined to build a future for her girls, Heather was hesitant to accept the guest room of a friend, or a credit card from her bank, since she wanted to avoid dependence. "I soon learned to accept help from good people, and that credit is part of life here," recalls Heather, who worked at a major bank in India where credit cards were not viewed favourably.

"I was ready to do anything, and soon realized that there were options available," adds Heather. She juggled a temporary job at a big box store alongside her eldest daughter, upgraded her skills at the Peel Mentoring Partnership for internationally trained professionals, and studied during her bus commute. Through ACCES, a program sponsored in part by Scotiabank, which assists job seekers new to Canada, Heather was able to write her Canadian Securities exam at no cost, and find a job at Scotiabank a year after arriving in Canada.

"It was wonderful for a bank to offer a credit card when no one would even rent you an apartment," notes Heather. She had herself benefited from the ***Scotiabank StartRight***® Program[1] for Newcomers, which includes a free day-to-day bank account for one year[2], a wide range of VISA* card options[3] and a number of other customized services and benefits – when she moved to Canada.

"Now I know that it's important to obtain credit within three years of coming to Canada. First, because life is expensive, and because you must build a credit history to show you are responsible," remarks the Personal Banking Officer, who explains wise credit use to customers at the Scotiabank Sheridan Centre branch.

For example, she advises them to be mindful of interest rates, avoid carrying a balance and to make the minimum monthly payment on time, to preserve their credit scores. She also helps them choose the right credit card features for their needs.

Heather also counsels immigrants about saving for their goals, like a new car or home ownership, by starting to save with higher-interest savings accounts and accessing government programs.

"I try to go the extra mile to help customers understand the services available to them," concludes Heather. "I've been in their shoes and I know one can achieve independence by talking to trusted advisers, doing research and helping yourself."

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Horror. Movie

▶ Jacqueline MacInnes Wood chats with host Jesse Giddings of MuchMusic's New.Music.Live. yesterday at the studio on Queen Street West.

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She's getting ready for her scream test

Aficionados of daytime TV will recognize her as Steffy Forrester on the long-running American soap opera The Bold and the Beautiful. Now Jacqueline MacInnes Wood is out to cheat the Reaper in the upcoming horror thriller Final Destination 5 — 3D.
Wood, a native of Windsor, Ont. — and sister-in-law of the late NHL player Bob Probert — moved to Toronto at 18 to pursue a career in acting. Final Destination 5 — 3D hits theatres on Aug. 12.

Passengers touch down

Worst thing about being stranded for 36 hours was lack of communication for airline, travellers complain ◐ Jet part went missing

A Toronto-bound flight from Paris that left about 200 passengers stranded for 36 hours arrived safely yesterday at Pearson International Airport.

Despite being provided food, accommodation and financial compensation, travellers' biggest complaint was the lack of communication from the airline during the delays.

The Sunwing Airlines flight was scheduled to leave Charles de Gaulle airport Monday at 11:55 a.m., but a problem with the jet's hydraulic system resulted in repeated delays.

Rescheduled departures had passengers returning to their gate multiple times.

"There was no communication," passenger Marianna Tsenglevych said. "We were continuously brought back to the hotel, airport terminal, check-in, security, passport control and back to the hotel again."

The initial delay occurred after a mechanic detected a hydraulic problem and a part had to be brought from London by a Sunwing employee.

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Marianna Tsenglevych said the lack of communication caused undue stress for the passengers, including 20 children under the age of 10.

Checked as baggage and picked up at Charles de Gaulle, the part then went missing for several hours.

"And that changed circumstances dramatically. It was really unfortunate, and to be honest we did everything we possibly could," said Daryl McWilliams, Sunwing's vice-president of sales and marketing.

The rescheduled flight arrived at Pearson at 2:30 a.m. yesterday with Sunwing staff members on hand to meet the passengers.

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Taiwanfest celebrates culture

Harbourfront Centre presents the sixth edition of Telus Taiwanfest, celebrating Taiwan's cultural diversity with performances from local and international artists. The three-day event on Aug. 26 to 28 features The Techno Prince, a dance performance traditionally seen only in temples and rituals. Go to harbourfrontcentre.com/summer. METRO

CIVILIAN DEATH

Witness recalls arrest

An eyewitness account of a police arrest that ended in the death of Charles McGillivary on Monday offered no real clues as to why police tackled and subdued him.

McGillivary went out for pizza with his mother at Christie and Bloor streets, but before he got there, the 45-year-old collapsed and died while being arrested.

An employee at Abyssinia, an Ethiopian restaurant at the corner of Bloor and Christie, said she saw police had McGillivary handcuffed and pinned on the ground. But almost immediately afterward, they uncuffed him and tried to resuscitate him.

The employee, who declined to be named, said McGillivary's mother was yelling at police that her son couldn't hear or speak properly, but police ordered her to stay back. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Students to lecture Mayor Ford

Toronto needs more unions. Fewer cars. More libraries. And even more tax talk. These are some of the tips Seneca College students will offer Mayor Rob Ford today in 23 speeches they will deliver outside City Hall from 7 a.m. until noon. It's the final assignment in an eight-month program in corporate communications.

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ENDANGERED SPECIES

'Miracle turtle' to roam free

A badly injured sea turtle that underwent a year of rehabilitation and innovative surgeries was released yesterday by caretakers hoping he finds a mate and helps his endangered species prosper.

Andre, as the 80-kilogram green sea turtle is known, crawled into the water and swam out of sight before a crowd of hundreds of raucous supporters. He was near death when he was found split open and stranded last year.

"He has overcome obstacles, predators, food scarcities, cold winters — any number of things that may have ended his life — and he has survived," said Dr. Nancy Mettee, a veterinarian at Loggerhead Marinelife Center who cared for Andre. "He's really a miracle turtle." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

14 people run over by bus after robbery

A bus driver ran over and killed 14 travellers who had been ordered by robbers to lie in the middle of a highway after their bus was robbed on its way to Nigeria's capital, police said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Casey Anthony faces danger: Lawyer

Casey Anthony's lawyer warned she would be in danger if she returns from an undisclosed location to serve probation for cheque fraud. Anthony was ordered to report to the Orlando probation office by 10 a.m. today. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suspicious device strapped to teen deemed a hoax

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▶ Police and explosives squad members at the scene of a home where an 18-year-old woman had a suspicious device strapped to her neck yesterday in Mosman, Australia.

Man also left a threatening note in the house with specific demands

Australian police say a suspicious device that was attached to a Sydney teen's neck contained no explosives.

New South Wales state Police Assistant Commissioner Mark Murdoch said someone attached the item to 18-year-old Madeleine Pulver as part of an elaborate hoax.

Pulver spent 10 horrifying hours in her suburban Sydney home as a bomb squad tried to figure out if the device contained explosives.

Murdoch said a person wearing a disguise entered the woman's suburban Sydney home yesterday afternoon (local time) and attached the device, which he referred to as "very sophisticated," to her body.

"It ... gave the appearance of a legitimate improvised explosive device," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"She's good — she's been kept in a very uncomfortable position. She has been and will be uncomfortable for a little while to come."

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER MARK MURDOCH ABOUT THE VICTIM'S STATE

Right-to-die trial hurried

A B.C. judge has ordered a speedy trial for a dying woman who wants to challenge Canada's laws against assisted suicide.

A lawyer for Gloria Taylor argued his client's case should be heard by November because her condition is deteriorating and she wants a chance to die with dignity.

"I am satisfied the time is urgent," said B.C. Supreme Court Justice Lynn Smith.

However, a lawyer for the federal government said such a fast trial should not be considered because the case is too complex to be prepared that quickly. THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Gloria Taylor

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Arab Spring hinges on image of leader in cage

Mubarak's trial especially resonates in Middle East countries where citizens are still agitating for change against their own longtime rulers

The live TV images of a caged and bedridden Hosni Mubarak being held to account for alleged crimes against his own people — by his own people — captivated viewers across the Middle East and appeared to many to be a powerful turning point in this year's uprisings.

Some hoped the trial, which began yesterday in Cairo, would be the first of several bringing longtime autocrats to justice. Others weren't quite sure what to make of the spectacle, torn between a desire for justice and the discomfort of seeing a once-all-powerful Arab leader treated like a common criminal.

"This is the first time we see a leader in a real court. This is good for democracy, good for the future. We've always heard of leaders on trial in Israel, in Turkey, in the U.S., or Europe. But this is the first time in the Arab world." PALESTINIAN SALAH ABU SAMERA

For many others across the region, the trial carried a deeper meaning. It was, in the words of pastry shop owner Saif Mahmoud in Baghdad, a rewriting of the rules between the region's people and their leaders.

Palestinian retiree Mohammed Adnan, 64, described Mubarak's trial as a "huge move" for the region. He said the longtime Egyptian strongman never would have treated his people as he did had he headed a democratic country and knew he would be held accountable for his actions.

The trial especially resonated in countries where citizens are still agitating for change against their own longtime rulers.

Activists in Syria, where tanks and shellfire continued to hammer the opposition in the city of Hama, accused the regime of Bashar Assad of striking hard at a moment when world and media attention were distracted by Mubarak's trial.

In Libya, Egypt's next-door neighbour, rebels are trying to oust Moammar Gadhafi, who has held power even longer than Mubarak did.

Mohamad al-Rajali, a spokesman for the rebels, said he welcomed the trial against Mubarak, who, like Gadhafi, was a military officer before taking power.

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▶ Ramadan Ahmed, 51, whose son was shot and killed by police while protesting during Egypt's uprising, reacts upon seeing former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak on television for his trial in Cairo yesterday.

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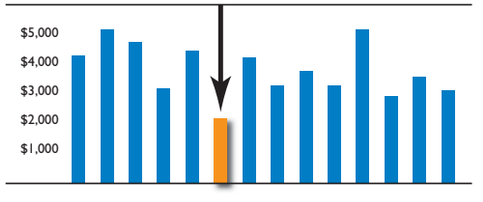

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Nearly buried baby dies

A newborn Brazilian girl was saved from being buried alive when she started crying at a funeral home, but she died yesterday after being rushed back to a hospital, medical officials said.

A 14-year-old mother who was seven months pregnant gave birth to the girl Tuesday at the Santa Casa de Misericordia hospital in the nearby city of Araxa, according to a police statement.

It said the hospital reported that the baby died moments after being born and her body was sent to a funeral home. As the undertaker was preparing it for burial, the girl started crying.

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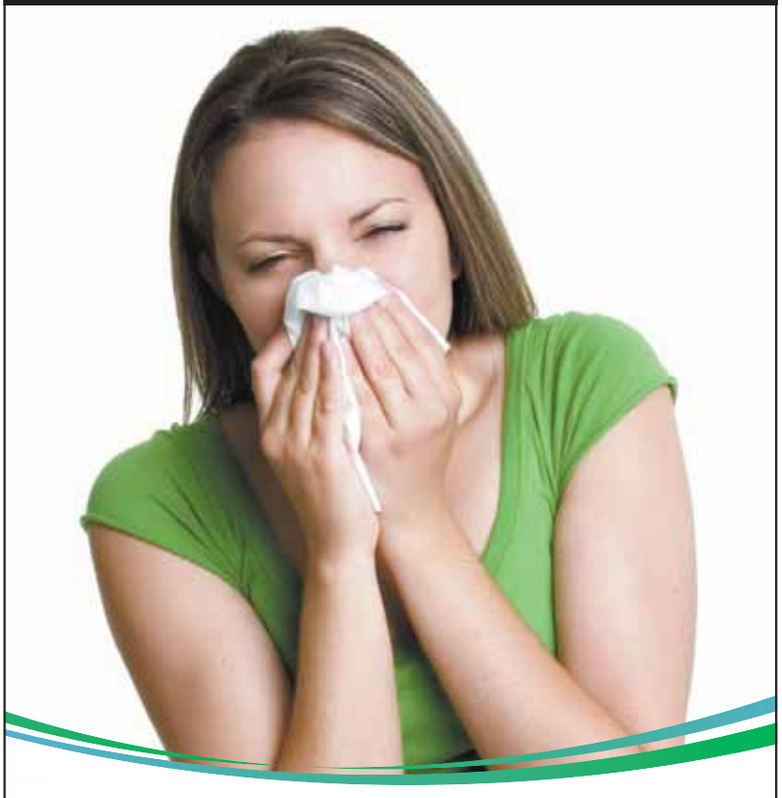

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Snakes alive! A boa's in the bath

Did it turn on taps? Cue snakes-and-ladders joke

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It wasn't a cat in a tree, but Calgary firefighters came to the rescue of a stranded pet yesterday.

Around 4 a.m., the firefighters responded to an animal-distress call: A boa constrictor was in a bathtub with the water running.

The truth came out in the cold light of day.

Snake owner Sarena Dobmeier had been moving from her suite in Calgary's Ranchlands.

After a long night of packing, she decided to spend a couple of hours sleeping in her new home — leaving the eight-foot boa, Herc, to be retrieved later.

Reptile reality

- After 15 years with Herc, Sarena Dobmeier said this wasn't even the "greatest adventure yet." The snake once escaped on a ferry after someone cut open the bag Dobmeier was carrying it in.
- The snake used to be taken to preschools and kindergartens to introduce kids to reptiles.
- It's legal to own a boa constrictor in Alberta, according to Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

But during the night, puzzled neighbours heard water running and called firefighters.

It seems Herc had brushed up against the faucets and turned on the water in the tub.

Fire spokesperson Brian McAsey said the snake was "pretty friendly" and firefighters had no trouble transporting it to a vet. "We happen to have a big fire truck."

Dobmeier said she came back at six in the morning and the neighbours said, "You won't believe what happened."

Said McAsey: "It opens itself up nicely for a snakes-and-ladders joke."

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Did Earth once have two moons?

- Scientists say theory of sibling moons makes sense
- 'Big splat' idea not easily tested to learn if it's right

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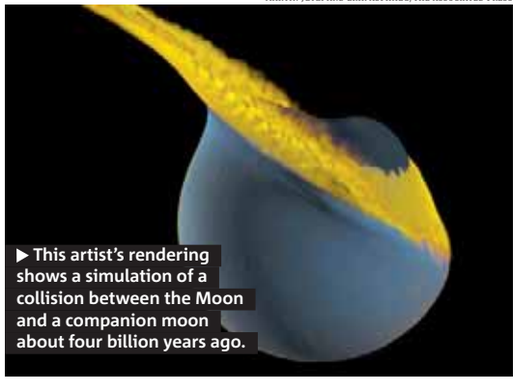

▶ This artist's rendering shows a simulation of a collision between the Moon and a companion moon about four billion years ago.

Earth once had two moons, until one of them made the fatal mistake of smacking into its big sister in what is being called the "big splat," some astronomers theorize.

The result: The planet was left with a single bulked-up and ever-so-slightly lopsided moon.

The astronomers came up with this scenario to explain why the moon's far side is so much more hilly than the one that is always facing Earth. The theory was outlined in a research paper published yesterday in the journal Nature.

Supposedly, both planets orbited Earth and sort of rose in the sky together, the smaller one trailing a few steps behind. The other was three times wider and 25 times heavier, its gravity so strong that the smaller one just couldn't resist, though it was parked a good bit away. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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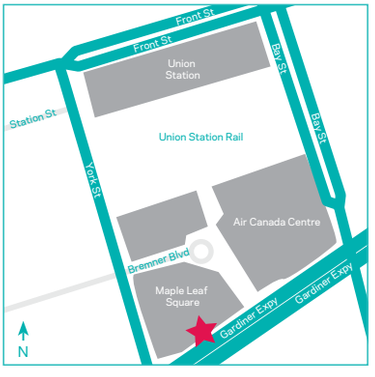

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Future of cars still gas: Chrysler CEO

Claims electric vehicles over-hyped Says changes to internal combustion will be fuel-economy solution

Carmakers will squeeze more miles out of gasoline and diesel engines to meet the tougher fuel-economy standards announced by the government last week, the CEO of Chrysler said yesterday.

Sergio Marchionne, also head of Italy's Fiat SpA, said changes to the internal combustion engine, and not electric or hydrogen fuel-cell technology, will be the answer to meeting the new standards.

The U.S. new-car fleet must reach an average of 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025, double the current standard.

"You will see incredible results even out of what I consider to be absolutely plain-vanilla technology," Marchionne told reporters at an auto industry conference in Traverse City, Mich.

"Between the combination of transmissions and engines, you will find huge benefits going forward."
SERGIO MARCHIONNE, CEO OF CHRYSLER

Marchionne's companies are behind General Motors, Nissan Motor Co. and others in rolling out rechargeable electric vehicles, although Fiat is planning an all-electric subcompact next year.

Most auto companies agreed to the higher government standards, and executives appeared on stage alongside U.S. President Barack Obama to announce them last week.

As an example of mileage improvements from existing technology, Marchionne pointed to changes in the engine and transmission of a large Chrysler luxury sedan.

The Chrysler 300 will get 31 mpg on the highway when equipped with a V-6 engine and a new eight-speed automatic transmission. The 300 it replaced got 27.5 mpg when equipped with a V-8.

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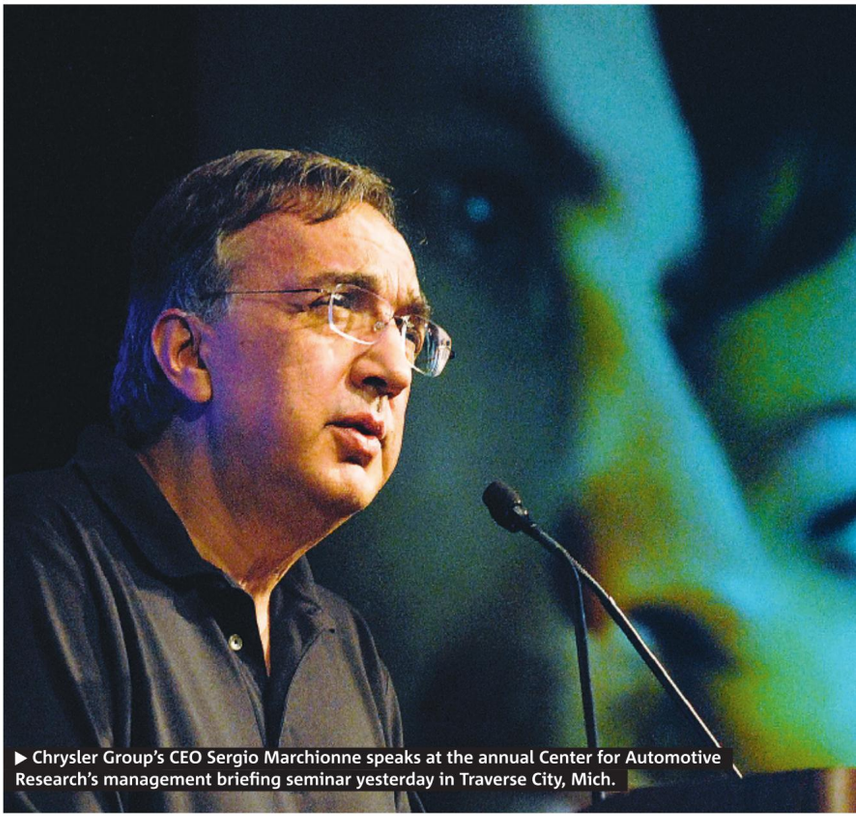

▶ Chrysler Group's CEO Sergio Marchionne speaks at the annual Center for Automotive Research's management briefing seminar yesterday in Traverse City, Mich.

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McAfee traces source of attacks

Computer security company McAfee has issued a report detailing a five-year hacking scheme that targeted countries, companies and numerous organizations. McAfee says there were more than 70 intrusions from the same source over the past five years, including four in Canada.

The earliest, in July 2008, targeted an unidentified Canadian information technology company for four months, then the Montreal-based World Anti-Doping Agency was infiltrated for 14 months in August 2009.

McAfee says two unidentified Canadian government agencies were targeted — the first in October 2009 for six months and the second in January 2010 for one month.

It says the governments of the U.S., Taiwan, India, South Korea and Vietnam were also on the target list, along with the IOC, the United Nations and an array of companies. The report's author, Dmitri Alperovitch, says most victims have long since addressed the infections.

McAfee has dubbed the scheme Operation Shady RAT, an acronym for Remote Access Tool.

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PARENTAL ADVISORY: CLOCK'S TICKING

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

For their summer vacation my parents have been visiting me in Toronto from Saint John, N.B., and so far I've had a lovely time taking them to restaurants, touring museums and preparing their eulogies.

My parents are only 54, which is young for parents, but 54 is also the average temperature difference between the two cities. In Saint John, a beautiful morning is one where the fog will burn off in time for the evening commute, while in Toronto I've been known to chase refreshing breezes down the street, screaming at them to come back.

So my parents have been attempting to have a good time, largely successfully, despite melting like plastic army men under a magnifying glass. Dad, in particular, looks like he could do that body-shake dogs do when they've just crawled out of a lake — except instead of laughing playfully the people nearby would run like they were fleeing a nuclear meltdown.

"When the switch to caretaker is complete, I plan to make them eat their vegetables and play outside on sunny days, even if their favourite show is on."

Aside from the risk of Mom and Dad spontaneously combusting, there's also the fact I rarely see them, meaning new ailments they've acquired during the past year come as a mild shock. My mother has a new knee problem that makes stairs seem like the equivalent of a military rope climb, and my dad's so farsighted now that he holds menus out in front of him like he's driving a go-kart.

They've become my canaries in the coal mine, essentially, telling me which things are going to fall apart on me first.

So I watch Mom and Dad with a blend of admiration and worry, the beginning of that role reversal families go through where eventually the kids are looking after the parents. I fret after every parental wince, as they did for me when I was a kid (presumably).

And as I write this sentence, I haven't heard from them in seven hours and don't understand why they haven't called. Don't they know I'm worried sick? What if they're lost on the streets of Toronto? They won't know what to do.

After all I've done for them.

When the switch to caretaker is complete, I plan to make them eat their vegetables and play outside on sunny days, even if their favourite show is on.

But before the role reversal happens, I also want to say thank you to them, not only because they've been my guides, my support and my friends, but also because I fully expect them to be dead by the end of the week.

Just remember, readers, that they were kind people, they were good people...

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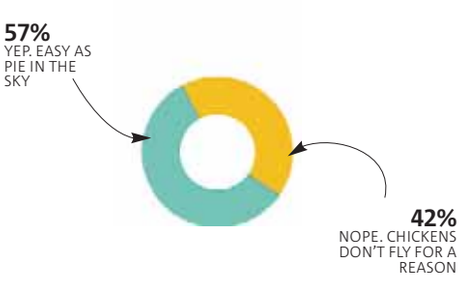

Local tweets

@agliks: A Swedish man was arrested for trying to split atoms in his kitchen. Wonder if that's a feature of the new Magic Bullet.

@newleafmedia: Sci enthusiast but not so great neighbour! - Swedish man arrested for trying to split atoms in kitchen

@amckie: If nuclear research in your apartment kitchen is wrong, I don't want to be right.

@sikander: "Whatcha doing in the kitchen?", "Nothing much, just splitting some atoms"

@ltibando: I don't see what the problem is! Why wouldn't you try to split an atom & build a nuclear reactor in your kitchen? #FAIL

@kathrynhill_: Craving McDonalds, but fearing it will only make me feel worse. #migrane Rainy days, you'll be the death of me.

@ceci_canopy: I think I channel my inner dog on rainy days. I growled as I stepped out into the rain.

@tomcparkin: I hope the Cons keep freaking-out about Bloc-turned-NDP MPs -- it consolidates the NDP's hold on it's 58 new seats in Quebec.

Letters

PEOPLE FOR GOOD. This afternoon I took the 511 streetcar home. At one stop a senior fell down and collapsed at about 10 metres on the way to the streetcar.

The female driver immediately rushed to the senior, helped him stand up, asked him if he was OK and collected all his belongings. After replying OK, she helped him get on the streetcar and put all his stuff around him. When the streetcar got to the Queen Street stop, she helped the senior get off. The senior tried to climb the curb. When the driver saw this, she jumped out of the streetcar again and intercepted a taxi, when the senior tried to refuse her help, she told him she would pay the taxi for him. Then what I saw was she paid the taxi driver from her own pocket, as the driver took him to hospital and helped the senior get into the cab with extreme care. When she returned back to the streetcar, everyone on the car burst into applause. "You are so fantastic," one lady told the driver. Another passenger handed the driver a bottle of water and asked if she is thirsty.

WILLIAM DONG
TORONTO

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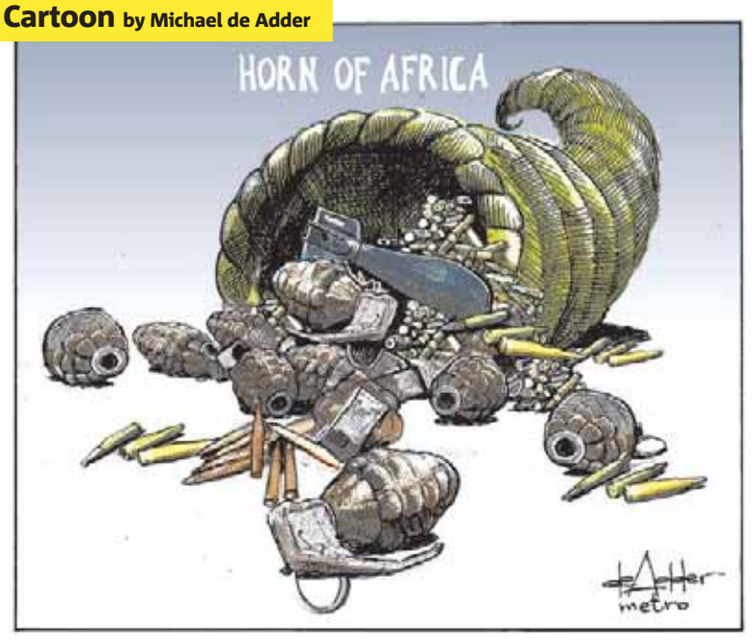

WEIRD NEWS

One little peacock sitting on a wall...

A peacock with a sense of adventure — and a good sense of direction — has flown back home to New York's Central Park Zoo.

On Tuesday, humans flocked and tweeted as the peacock left the zoo for a perch on a Fifth Avenue window ledge. It had good taste: A condo there reportedly sold for $22.5 million in 2009.

Zookeepers predicted the handsome green and blue bird would make its way home — and it did just before 7 a.m. local time yesterday.

It's been a rebellious season in the city zoos. In March, an Egyptian cobra was found nearly a week after it went missing at the Bronx Zoo's Reptile House.

Two months later, a zoo peahen was recovered at a nearby auto-body shop.

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▶The fly-away peacock

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▶ The Cirque du Soleil's Totem is headed to Toronto next week.

Circus career? Why not?

Though it wasn't always the case, the circus has proven a legitimate career option these days

BACKSTAGE PASS

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Circuses used to be the realm of runaways and misfits. But thanks to Montreal's Cirque du Soleil, hooking up with a travelling big top not only carries cultural cache, it can also be a viable career option.

Just ask some of the personalities behind the company's latest esoteric production, Totem — which opens next Wednesday.

Choreographer Jeff Hall was a self-described beachbum and freestyle Frisbee fanatic — he won the world championship twice — when he discovered the world of dance.

"I decided to take a dance class to help with my Frisbee (skills)," he says.

"I figured it would help me to move better."

After building a formidable reputation as both a dancer and choreographer in Montreal throughout the 1990s, even teaching acrobatics at L'École de Cirque de Verdun, he was asked to help choreograph a short sequence for Cirque's production of Love, featuring music from the Beatles.

Global business

- There are close to 20 separate Cirque du Soleil shows currently in production across the globe. But there are also a number of shows no longer out on tour.
- Among those mothballed programs is Nouvelle Experience, a favourite of Galarneau's that she'd like to see remounted some day. "It would be nice to get it out," she says. "It was simple, technically."
- So what exactly happens to all those elaborate set pieces when a production is retired? "We keep everything," she says. After a show has been retired, it gets stored away in a warehouse in Montreal for safe keeping.

But despite his impressive resumé, it was ultimately his skills with the plastic disc that won him the gig.

"They wanted a number where Frisbees represented LPs," he says.

The number was eventually dropped, but Hall ended up choreographing several other sequences and was later tapped as acrobatic choreographer for Zaia in China before being brought on the Totem creative team.

Sylvie Galarneau, Totem's artistic director, has managed to turn life with the circus into a 20-year long career.

She's seen a lot of changes at the company as it evolved from a scrappy young start up to the international cultural force it is today.

"When you're in it, you don't notice it," she says. "But after 20 years I'd have to be blind (not to)."

One thing that hasn't changed is the company's approach to new creations. Creating shows that are interesting takes precedence over concerns for demographics says Galarneau.

"It's a question of, 'Let's try to do the best show ever.'"

2 scene

News in brief

Oprah Winfrey, James Earl Jones and makeup artist Dick Smith have been picked to receive honourary Oscars. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says the three will be honoured with Oscar statuettes at the Governors Awards in November.
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Plenty of noms to go around

Flashpoint, Call Me Fitz, nab multiple Gemini nominations

The Toronto-set cop series Flashpoint and Jason Priestley's edgy dark comedy Call Me Fitz lead the nominees for Canada's top television awards.

CTV's cross-border hit Flashpoint is in line for 17 Gemini trophies, including an acting award for star Enrico Colantoni.

HBO Canada's Call Me Fitz nabbed 16 nods, including an acting nomination for former Beverly Hills 90210 star Priestley.

The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television announced the contenders yesterday morning, when it also showered some big-budget miniseries with multiple nominations.

History Television's The Kennedys and The Movie Network and Movie Central's Pillars of the Earth each scored 10 nods.

Meanwhile, Bravo's papal drama The Borgias nabbed eight.

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▶ Flashpoint's Enrico Colantoni is nominated for a Gemini award.

MuchMusic's long-running teen soap Degrassi earned several nominations for a much-lauded season that drew Emmy attention and a Peabody Award earlier this year.

Three of its nominations are for a groundbreaking episode centred on a teen who was born female but lives life as a male.

Other multiple nominees include TMN/Movie Central's Living in Your Car with 10 nods, CBC's 18 To Life with seven, CBC's Being Erica with six, CBC's The Tudors with six and History Television's Ice Pilots with five.

Flashpoint is up for best dramatic series against Bravo's The Borgias, Showcase's Endgame, TMN's Skins and CBC's The Tudors.

Fitz faces off for best comedy against CBC's 22 Minutes, TMN's Good Dog, CBC's Halifax Comedy Fest 2010, TMN's Living In Your Car and CBC's Rick Mercer Report.

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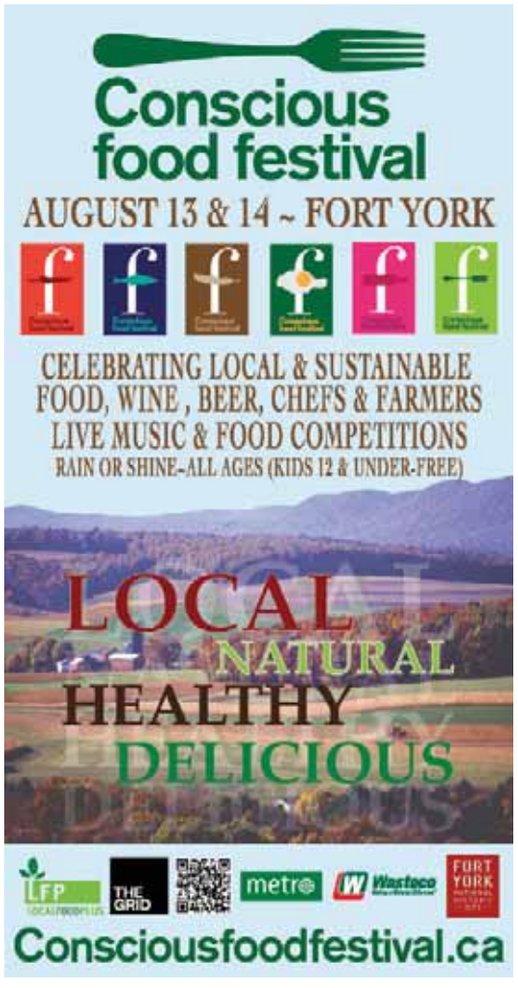
Awards time

- The Gemini Awards will take place over three nights in Toronto beginning with non-televised industry bases on Aug. 30 and Aug. 31.
- They culminate with a televised gala Sept. 7, to be broadcast on CBC-TV.



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Actor perfects the art of aping

Andy Serkis is performance-capture technology's king New film marks uncharted territory for art

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If any actor is an expert at performance-capture technology, it's Andy Serkis. Despite popping up as himself plenty of times on screen, Serkis is best known for inhabiting Gollum in Lord of the Rings and as the big ape himself in King Kong, both for Peter Jackson. He suits up again for Rupert Wyatt's Rise of the Planet of the Apes as Caesar, a chimp that starts a revolution.

But as much as he's made a name for himself through performance capture, Serkis doesn't think you should notice. "People aren't so much wanting to celebrate the technology anymore. Really, that's passe. It's something that we need to get over, really," he says.

Maybe Serkis is so over it because he's had more to do with the technology than most actors. "On Lord of the Rings, my performance was shot on 35mm with all the other actors, then I had to go and reshoot in the performance-capture volume. There were not many cameras and the markers didn't quite work and the real-time kept breaking down, so it was very, very early days," he says

For his latest bit of monkeying around, Serkis donned a motion-capture suit and head-mounted camera rig, interacting onset with co-stars James Franco and Freida Pinto. "On Rise of the Planet of the Apes, it's the first time that performance capture has existed on live-action sets," he says. "We didn't have to go back and repeat anything. We were in real locations with physical sets that were shot on film."

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▶ Andy Serkis

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▶ Actor Andy Serkis, right, plays Caesar, an ape who starts a revolution in Rise of the Planet of the Apes.

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Actor Crowe east for friendship

Trip east necessitated by injury to rocker, Alan Doyle

Pair reunite on screen in Republic of Doyle's 2012 season

Leave it to the frontman of Great Big Sea to lure one of Hollywood's biggest catches to Newfoundland.

Oscar-winning actor Russell Crowe is in St. John's this week, joining East Coast rocker Alan Doyle to celebrate the release of their nine-song digital-only album The Crowe/Doyle Songbook Volume III.

The duo are scheduled to perform two gigs, but Crowe won't be limited to crooning duty while he's in town. He's also been filming a guest appearance on CBC-TV's Republic of Doyle, which has begun shooting its third season.

Crowe and Allan Hawco — the show's producer and star — have been friends for more than a decade, while Hawco and Doyle have developed a strong friendship as fellow Newfoundlanders in the entertainment business (the fact that the singer's surname appears in the title of Hawco's TV show is simply a coincidence).

When Hawco learned that Crowe would be coming to the island, he couldn't resist the opportunity to snag him for an appearance.

"Everything had to go perfect in order to be able to co-ordinate all the events for Russell to get here," Hawco said.

The pairing of one of Newfoundland's biggest mainstream musicians and one of film's most notable leading men originally happened at the NHL Awards ceremony in Toronto seven years ago. Doyle sought out Crowe after learning that the actor was a Great Big Sea fan. Crowe and Doyle have also appeared together on the silver screen. Doyle was cast in 2010's Robin Hood, in which Crowe starred.

This is not Crowe's first visit to Newfoundland. He and Doyle played a show together at a St. John's pub in 2005.

"This place has a fantastic history ..." said Crowe. "It all still feels brand new and very unique and very special to me."

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▶ Academy Award winner Russell Crowe and Great Big Sea frontman Alan Doyle on the set of the CBC-TV series, Republic of Doyle, in St. John's, NL, on Tuesday.

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TV Picks

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▶ Jersey Shore's Snooki

Jersey Shore taps into roots

A new season of Jersey Shore kicks off tonight with the orange-tinged, fist-pumping, night-club loving cast heading to Florence, Italy. Ostensibly, this'll give them a chance to connect with their roots, take in some European art and history and maybe even learn some Italian. How long before that's derailed by over-the-top posturing and sticky situations? (MTV)

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Sketch improv with clowns

Edmonton showcases its funny side with the new sketch series, E-Town. The half-hour comedy features a band of improv clowns churning out short-and-sassy segments. It comes from the same producers that are behind the APTN series, Caution: May Contain Nuts. (Bite)

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Crash course to TV production

Best-selling author talks about her books, her inspiration and the relationship between TV and fiction writing

Jennifer Weiner is an overachiever.

She's been a New York Times bestselling author since her very first novel, Good In Bed, came out a decade ago. Weiner just released her ninth novel, Then Came You, a few weeks after the premiere of her first TV show, ABC Family's State of Georgia. While commuting between the show's Los Angeles set and her Philadelphia home, the 41-year-old writer started work on her 10th book. And she still had time to talk with The Associated Press.

Let's start with State of Georgia. How did you like being an executive producer and writing for TV?

We wanted to tell a story about two girls coming to New York City and trying to make big lives ... I've always been interested in that moment and the woman in her 20s: You're not married, you don't have kids, you're sort of trying on different adult identities ... So I had this crash course in running a television show, and I was about three weeks into it when I realized that really everything I know about being an executive producer I learned from watching Liz Lemon on 30 Rock ... It was like OK, here's the writers' room, and it was incredibly funny and a little bit filthy.

You were finishing up Then Came You when you started on the show. What is the book about?

Then Came You actually came from a New York Times Magazine article ... by a writer who'd been a reporter for the Times and she was married to this very wealthy older guy. They were struggling with fertility, so they hired a surrogate ... but it turned out to be very much a story about money ... I've always been interested in the economics of reproduction ... if you're a poor woman and you are infertile, it's like too bad, so sad. And if you are a wealthy woman, you can kind of buy whatever you want.

What is the relationship like between writing for TV and writing fiction?

When I wrote Good in Bed, I was working full time as a reporter, so I was writing on nights and weekends ... And that's what it was with Georgia with the book I started this spring. Having a day job again I found really kind of fueled my fiction, because it became almost this forbidden thing where I had to sneak off and do it in private.

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▶ Author and television producer Jennifer Weiner poses for a portrait at CBS Studios in Los Angeles in June. Weiner is producing her first TV show, ABC Family's State of Georgia.

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Blink-182 come back

Frontman Mark Hoppus says trio's reunion was easy, despite meltdown

In 2005, juvenile pop-punk masters Blink-182 collapsed under the weight of label pressure, conflicting priorities and an intra-band power struggle fuelled by paranoia and mistrust.

Co-frontman Mark Hoppus calls the break-up a "very acrimonious band meltdown." But Hoppus says that bringing the group back together for a reunion tour and an upcoming new album didn't require any broad gestures, tearful talks or Dr. Phil-style mediation strategies.

"We never even talked about it — we're guys," Hoppus said. "We sat together in a room. We were like: 'Are we cool now?' 'Yeah, we're cool.' 'OK, great.' The bygones were bygones."

And now the band is setting out to recapture their bygone glory days.

They're finally on the verge of finishing Neighborhoods, the sixth album that the SoCal rockers have been crafting (and delaying) since dramatically announcing their reconciliation at the Grammy Awards in 2009.

Aside from heavy, jagged first single Up All Night, the band hasn't offered fans much of a clue what the new album — scheduled to drop in late September — will sound like.

"It's really all over the place in the best possible way," Hoppus says of the band's first new record in eight years, which they produced themselves after the 2008 death of longtime collaborator Jerry Finn.

There was a time when it seemed unlikely that the trio would still be chugging along into their 30s. Emerging out of California's mid-

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▶ Mark Hoppus, left, Travis Baker and Tom DeLonge of Blink-182.

'90s pop-punk scene, Blink made its name on infectious, adrenalized riffs, potty humour and staunchly immature ruminations on girls and partying.

After their barely heard '94 debut Cheshire Cat, the trio's following four records were certified multi-platinum in Canada. But with the band's three members now ranging in age from 35 to 39, is it time they started, well, growing up?

"I think we have just as much angst, anxiety, frustration that we've ever had," said Hoppus. "It's less about girls not dating us in high school, and it's more — we have a different outlook on the world."

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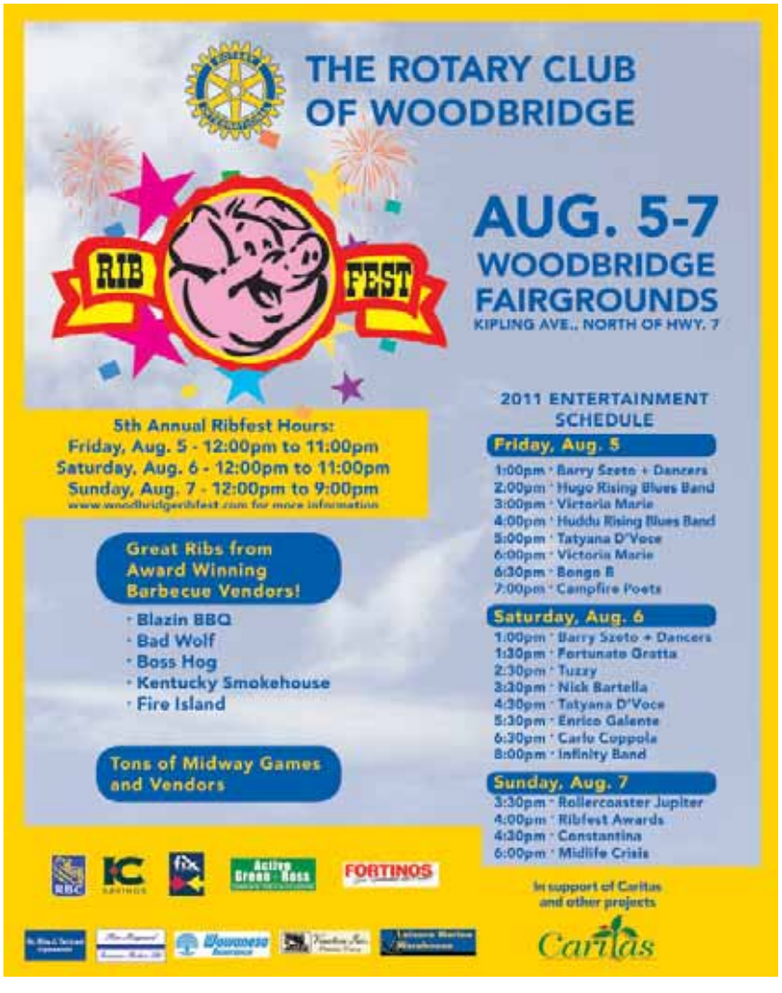
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Winehouse had big plans for the future, says source

Troubled singer wanted to marry, have children with boyfriend

Amy Winehouse had lots of plans for the future when her life came to an end last month.

Aside from her plans to adopt a young girl from St. Lucia, the tragic singer was reportedly planning to marry boyfriend Reg Traviss, according to the Sun.

"Amy was adamant about sorting herself out. Reg's proposal made her even more determined. She didn't want to carry on the way she was," a source says.

"She wanted nothing more than to be his wife and to start a family with him.

"She wanted to get rid of her demons so badly."

Winehouse, who had struggled with drug and alcohol abuse, was found dead in her Camden, London home on July 23.

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▶ Amy Winehouse was determined to clean up her life, says a source.

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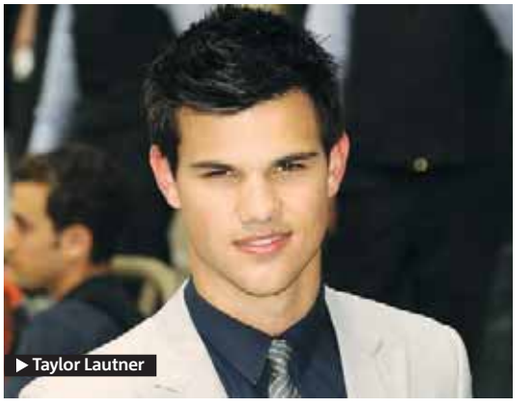
Janet engaged

Janet Jackson is reportedly engaged to Qatari businessman and billionaire Wissam Al Mana — and has been for almost a year, according to Hollyscoop.

Sources say the secret proposal happened last year, but Jackson was in the middle of a tour and wasn't ready to go public with it yet.

"Janet's telling friends that an official engagement will come by summer's end, and that she and Wissam will marry in late 2011," says a source close to the singer.. METRO

▶ Janet Jackson



▶ Taylor Lautner

Twilight star Lautner drops over $200,000 on Mercedes Benz

Talk about an impulse purchase.

Twilight star Taylor Lautner was reportedly walking by a Mercedes Benz dealership in L.A. with his parents recently when he spotted a silver 2012 SLS AMG sports coupe — and simply had to have it, according to TMZ. The 19-year-old actor dropped more than $200,000 on the car and drove it off the lot the same day. METRO

Supermodel seeking $46,000 a month child support from billionaire ex

Linda Evangelista is seeking $46,000 a month in child support from French billionaire Francois Henri-Pinault, the father of her four-year-old son, according to Page Six.

The payments — called "probably the largest support order in the history of the Family Court" by the judge handling the case — would cover round-the-clock nannies, drivers and security detail.

"When I work, it can be a 16-hour day," Evangelista says.

"On days when I do not work, I am working on my image."

▶ Linda Evangelista

Pinault is now married to actress Salma Hayek. METRO

Glee star dishes on looks

Glee star Lea Michele is the first to admit she doesn't have the most conventional Hollywood look.

"I'm 5-foot-3. I don't look like a lot of other people, you know what I mean? I look like I'm 12," the 25-year-old actress tells Harper's Bazaar.

"How many managers told me, 'Get a nose job. You're not pretty enough'? But I proved them wrong,"she says. METRO

▶ Lea Michele

Fawcett's son arrested for heroin possession

Redmond O'Neal, son of Ryan O'Neal and Farrah Fawcett, is in hot water again, having been arrested for heroin possession in Santa Monica, according to Radar Online.

Police sources say they witnessed O'Neal engaged in an argument at a store.

After the argument, he got into his car and ran a red light.

Police then pulled him over and searched his car, where they found the narcotics.

He was held without bail.

O'Neal has a history of drug-related charges and was incarcerated at the time of Fawcett's death in 2009. METRO

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Becks and H&M team up

David Beckham is getting a new set of teammates through a long-term partnership with H&M. The Swedish chain says the long-term alliance will allow the British athlete to produce and exclusively sell his bodywear line in some 1,800 stores and in about 40 countries worldwide.

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Grace Coddington's story from the front row of fashion will be told in a memoir

It's summer outside, but it's fall in the mall

How to sport a style that reflects the very best of both seasons ◆ Lightweight layers are key

Officially, summer has weeks left on the calendar, but retailers have begun the transition from lightweight and lighthearted vacation clothes to the more dressed-up, sophisticated styles that come with fall fashion.

The tricky part, they say, is that while it's good to infuse the excitement of a new season into stores, shoppers can be so enthusiastic about their new purchases they want to be able to wear them right away. That can be a problem when traditional fall looks — think sweaters, long trousers and outerwear — might not be suited to the dog days of August.

The solution? Lightweight layers in a deeper, more autumnal colour palette.

"The consumer in general is forward looking but wants instant gratification," says Barclay Resler, vice-president and head of visual management for Esprit.

You can do that with a pretty chiffon blouse, he suggests, or a short-sleeve knit dress, maybe with some buckle detail at the waist.

Lisa Axelson, head designer of Ann Taylor, has already worn her sleeveless trench — with a silk blouse and cropped black pants — but it'll go with flannel trousers and long gloves later. It is "the perfect wear-now-and-layer-later piece," she says.

Fabric choices are very important, says Banana Republic creative director Simon Kneen, a fan of tropical-weight wool. "It's designed for tropics. It's airy, and the weave is more open, but it will look refined. It has a hand touch that drier and cooler, but you can have it in a dress, trouser, skirt, jacket — and those are the foundations of your fall closet."

Lightweight chambray denim serves the same purpose for more casual pieces.

Navy is a favourite transitional colour for Resler because it plays crisp and clean against white pants, but more luxurious with high-waisted trousers in grey, camel or brown. A ruffled, navy-and-white dot blouse in stores now has it all, he says, a cheerful vibe to finish out the summer, but ladylike enough to carry through the year.

Warm shades of orange, amber and green are trends at Kohl's for fall, but they're not dark colours, either, so they fit into a variety of weather landscapes, says David Hacker, vice-president of trend and colour.

Kneen says Banana Republic — and he imagines other retailers, too — has learned to work in the mindset of many mini-fashion seasons filled with versatile pieces instead of sweeping in with major changes twice a year.

"The consumer in general is forward looking but wants instant gratification."
BARCLAY RESLER
VICE-PRESIDENT OF ESPRIT

As a children's retailer, The Children's Place switched to its back-to-school merchandise in the middle of July to capitalize on the shopping-spree days before kids go back to class.

However, says Michael Giannelli, senior vice-president of design, all he needs to do is walk outside to be reminded that "fall is really a summer delivery."

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Gimme, gimme Moore

Years later we still want to steal this actress' style

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▶ Demi Moore in Ann Taylor's fall ad campaign.

As a young teenager, before the fame, kids, paparazzi and front-row seats at fashion shows, Demi Moore regularly passed an Ann Taylor store at a local mall, taking note of the clothes.

In the years since, she's been a red-carpet rebel, jeans-wearing mom, bikini globe trotter and Versace model. Now her style evolution has come full circle, and Moore is the star of the Ann Taylor fall ad campaign.

She is the latest Hollywood connection for a company that previously tapped Katie Holmes and Naomi Watts to court its shoppers.

"I feel like I've known Ann Taylor since I was a kid. I've watched the clothes move into support for the working woman," said Moore, 48, during a break at a recent photo shoot in L.A. "It used to be a lot of suiting. I've seen as we've changed, that they've changed, reflecting on how we live as modern women, which is wearing things that take us from day to night, from workout to work to weekend."

Looking at Moore's own fashion history, she's changed a lot, too. She has done the menswear thing, the retro siren and many plunging necklines. She's been bald and buff and totally bare. (Remember the Vanity Fair cover when she was pregnant in 1991?)

In recent years, she has developed more of a signature look - one that's both sophisticated and sultry - which has won her praise from fashion insiders.

"We have to remember it's OK to take risks. Sometimes it will work and sometimes it won't. For me, I know there's a certain kind of balance of criteria. I like things that are classic. I want to know that I'll look in my closet five years from now and that piece still has a place. I don't have room or time for something's that just absolutely of the moment."

She has no problem taking some cues from the past, though. "I look at Katharine Hepburn, from the '30s and '40s, and the women of the '70s, Bianca Jagger," said Moore.

"When we're young, we're finding ourselves, what we like. I can say there are certain things that remain a constant. I've always loved vintage. I've rested in a place that's classic, with a twist."

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▶ Fashionistas have given Demi Moore the thumbs up time and again for her elegant and enviable apperance.

Embrace the bright

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Bobbi Brown's Peony & Python Palette, part of a special collection with fashion label Tibi, balances the season's purples and pinks with grey neutrals. $60, bobbibrown.com

Chanel Ombres Perlées palette puts the shine in your eyes with iridescent shades inspired by Coco's love of pearls. $66, chanel.com

A radiant complexion actually is easier to find than the perfect guy. To wit, Benefit's Finding Mr. Bright—a cheeky kit featuring its top face brighteners: Girl Meets Pearl highlighter, Posietint lip and cheek stain, High Beam enhancer and Erase Paste concealer. $40, benefitcosmetics.com.

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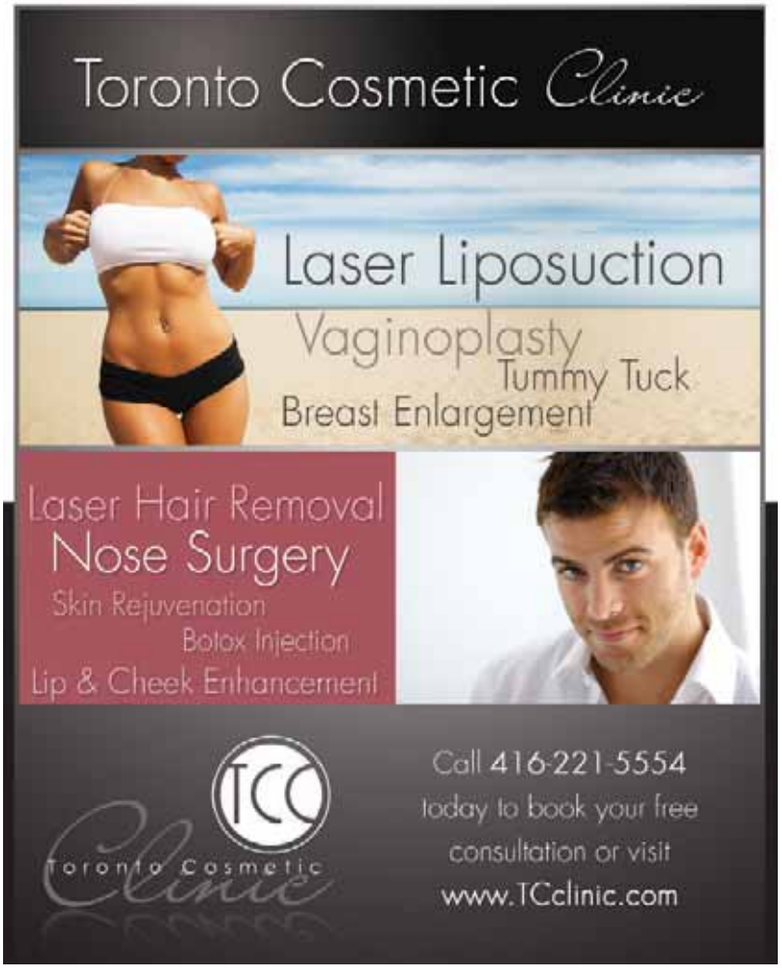

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The project overview

Rain is close to vibrant Kerr Village.

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The buildings have a 24-hour concierge.

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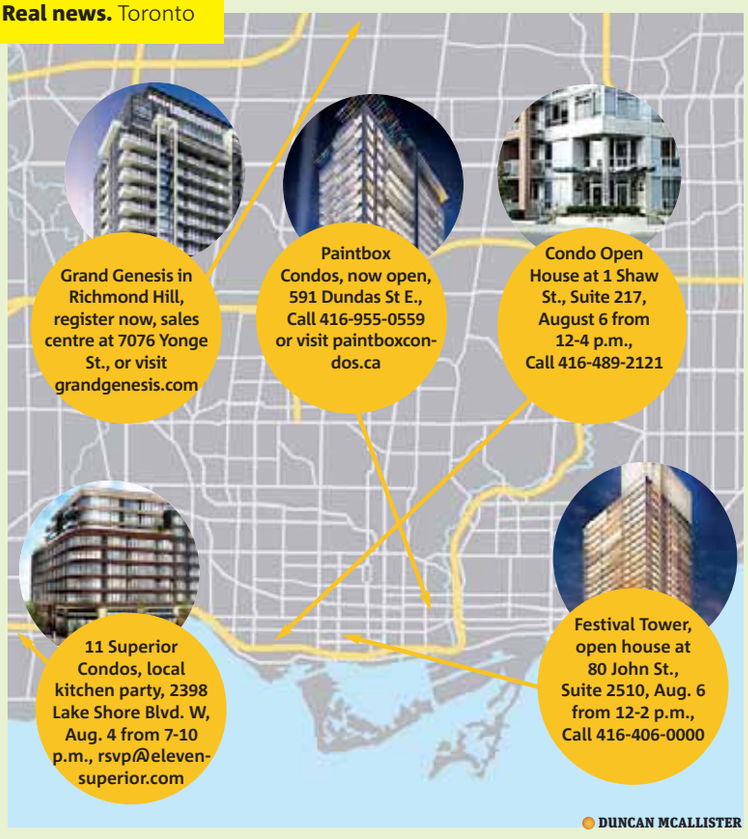
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It should come as no surprise to readers of this column that development in the Greater Toronto Area is becoming much more intense, but a recent study has quantified the extent of densification that has been occurring.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing just completed a five-year review of the results of growth planning in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, in which it projects development patterns with or without the Growth Plan in place.

The review found that without the plan, there would be a 39 per cent increase in new urbanized land compared with 14 per cent under it.

Without the Growth Plan, the share of growth represented by intensification would be 22 per cent, whereas with it, the intensification quotient is 54 per cent.

Without the plan, average densities would actually decline by two per cent, whereas they will increase by 20 per cent thanks to the plan.

According to the review, the Growth Plan should help to conserve as much as 800 square kilometres of agricultural and rural land by 2031 or the equivalent of 100,000 soccer fields.

I could have spared the province the trouble of doing the study by pointing out some of the major trends in GTA new home sales.

For example, whereas a quarter of new home sales used to be in the city of Toronto, it's now closer to half.

Whereas highrise condominium construction used to represent a quarter to a third of production, it's now well over 50 per cent (64 per cent last month and 60 per cent this year-to-date).

Meanwhile, barely one quarter (27 per cent) of all new homes sold last year were single-detached.

For more information, visit placestogrow.ca.

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Condos come into the computer age

New apps make buying a condo a much more hands-on and interactive experience
Innovative website offers one-stop shopping for prospective home buyers

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In the advanced world of iPhone apps, the Internet and personal computers, the real estate industry is due to take a leap forward with two new applications that are changing the way people purchase condos.

3D Condo Explorer, a recent startup pioneered by I.T. practitioner Alexander Neshmonin, is a mash up with the popular Google Earth mapping software.

It allows you to design and customize a condo unit before it's built, right from the comfort of your own living room.

Many people have difficulty visualizing a condo from a set of floor plans. By visiting 3dcondox.com, you can take a virtual reality walkthrough of your new home.

The fully immersive view "allows you to customize your unit to your own particular tastes," says marketing manager, David Pascos.

You can instantly see how the changes affect the cost of your unit in real time. "As soon as you change the cabinetry, it shows in your price how you've just changed the cost of your unit," explains Pascos.

Ever wondered what your furniture would look like in 450 sq. ft? "I don't want to cheat," says Neshmonin. "I always use the camera with a lens with the focus of your eyes. You see exactly how it feels."

Another interesting development is the recently released version of the TheRedPin.com website, which, according to co-founder Rokham Fard, is Canada's first completely online real estate brokerage.

Fard and his team aim to provide a complete end-to-end experience for new condo buyers.

"What we wanted to do with TheRedPin was bring everything under one umbrella, and provide all the information that people can get at the sales office on the site," says Fard.

"We provide a lot more information simply because we want to be a resource for the condo buyers, such as all the details of the floor plans, all the details of the finishes, and amenities that they provide."

With their own team of real estate agents on staff, there are several advantages to dealing with TheRedPin that other brokerages don't offer.

TheRedPin maintains solid relationships with the builders and attends VIP events on behalf of clients.

Buyers needn't travel all over town to different sales offices because the brokerage sends you the complete sales packages at no charge.

"That means you get ahead of everybody without having to leave the house," says Fard.

Another advantage is the TheRedPin rebate.

You receive a one per cent cashback incentive at the time of closing when you purchase a condo through TheRedPin realty.

Fard says that because of all the closing costs, "people always get surprised and a little bitter because they didn't know about it."

The rebate sweetens the pot a little, "and one per cent in real estate is actually a significant amount of money."

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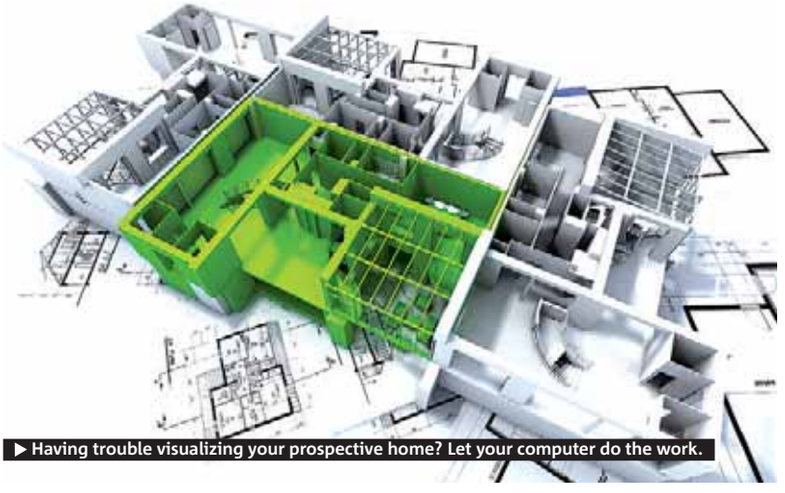

▶ Having trouble visualizing your prospective home? Let your computer do the work.

Creative startup

TheRedPin startup is the only Canadian company that made it to the finals of Inman's Most Innovative Real Estate Startup.

"The buyers used to get the short end of the stick and be at the end of the line, and the prices have gone up and the selection of units has reduced."

ROKHAM FARD, CO-FOUNDER OF THEREDPIN

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LEGAL MATTERS

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I recently had an appointment with my lawyer to sign the papers on the purchase of a property.

I have completed several purchases with my lawyer over the past two decades and all of a sudden, she requested that I provide photo identification.

I admit I do not carry photo ID as I do not drive and my passport is safely put away at home and apparently, my Ontario Health Card is not acceptable?

I had to return to the office with ID and get it copied which was a real hassle. Why is this necessary all of a sudden?

A couple of outside influences have required that all clients provide photo ID. The Law Society of Upper Canada that is the governing body for lawyers in Ontario has implemented far-reaching policies that we must proactively identify our clients with the use of proper photo ID.

Even though you have dealt with your lawyer over the span of many years, the Law Society still requires we obtain proper ID for the opening of each file.

Second, and even more important in real estate files is the requirement to obtain this ID to make a primary attempt to avoid identity theft and potential mortgage fraud.

With the increase in people assuming other's identities and engaging a lawyer to register a fraudulent mortgage, financial institutions now require valid photo ID from all clients who are placing any type of financing on a real estate transaction.

This positive identification may seem like a huge and irrelevant requirement but it is entirely necessary from at least two if not more parties.

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Cook up a new kitchen

- Not just for dining and entertaining, this room is the heart of any home
- Short on cash? Concentrate on improvements that are visual and easily changed

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Q: I have just moved into a condo that is 12 years old. I'd like to update the kitchen and am on a tight budget.
- Samantha, Halifax

Updating a tired kitchen is not only a great way to modernize your home (especially in an open-concept space) but to add re-sale value to your investment.

I usually recommend a full re-do about every 10 to15 years for a kitchen.

Once one thing starts to break down or look outdated usually everything else follows within a few years.

These ideas should allow your kitchen to feel modernized for another five years or so.

Countertops: Replacing the countertops will help update the old kitchen cupboards and change the overall feel of the kitchen.

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▶ ATTEST knobs from Ikea

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▶ ENA 9 One Touch

Look for a trend-setting counter to add a modern look to the room.

Consider non-shiny matte finishes and oiled soapstone for a dramatic look (blends nicely with appliances) or carrara marble for a lighter look — the carrara is great if your kitchen has white appliances.

Check wilsonart.com for fashionable laminate countertop options.

Hardware: Old colonial-styled brass hardware will instantly outdate your kitchen cupboards.

I suggest replacing them with knobs or pulls with a sleek design in a sliver metal finish to update the kitchen.

My favourite are the ATTEST Knob from Ikea, which are excellent value at $7.99 for a two-pack!

A few stainless countertop appliances: If major stainless steel appliances are not in your budget, invest in a few useful countertop appliances to help offer an updated look to the kitchen.

Depending on the size of your kitchen, a new coffee machine, blender and toaster will add sparkle and modernization.

My dream machine these days is the high-end ENA 9 espresso maker by Jura. It will definitely give a luxurious look to any kitchen.

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▶ Keep in mind that most condo buildings have strict renovation rules even for cosmetic changes like tiles, flooring and countertops.

Focal wall and backsplash: Consider applying peel-and-stick vinyl tiles onto the walls rather than floors.

They are waterproof and extremely durable and inexpensive way to add pizzazz to boring walls or backsplash.

Vinyl tiles usually come in 12-by-12 inches and are easily cut and applied. At $1 to $4 per square foot, they are a great way to change an outdated backsplash.

Shine a little light

Under cabinet lighting will instantly give your updated kitchen a designer look.

- **Easy, plug-in lighting kits** are available at most home improvement retailers.
- **Screw a string of lights** under the upper cabinet and plug it in — your counters will glow with style.

Choose a colour/style of tile that blends well with the cupboards.

Classic travertine or sandstone looks will keep guests assuming that you have the real thing on the walls.

This idea equally looks great on a blank galley wall in a kitchen or bathroom.

Home Depot's assorted Tarkett vinyl tiles offer textured vinyl tiles that look just like real stone.

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Thinking outside the pot

A well-planted terrarium can thrive for many years, provided you have the right materials and location

Remember those old elementary-school terrariums — lidded aquariums filled with plants or plastic soda bottles growing science projects?

Today's aquariums are chic and rule-busting, popping up in interior design and gardening stores.

They now include many different materials and plants. In fact, today's miniature worlds under glass can be simple still lifes — no living parts need participate.

That's some kind of easy.

"There's a little maintenance to it, but it's very, very low maintenance," says Amy Bryant Aiello, who owns a terrarium shop, Artemisia, with her husband, Michael Aiello, in Portland, Ore. She also wrote a book, Terrarium Craft (Timber Press, 2011), that includes how-to steps for building a beautiful and long-lasting terrarium, and 50 projects for inspiration.

She uses materials including mosses and lichen, quartz crystals, river rocks, seashells, glass pebbles and driftwood.

"The idea is to play with the materials and enjoy the process itself," Aiello says in her introduction.

Instead of the traditional layering of rock, charcoal and soil in a terrarium, Aiello uses high-quality sand. She leans toward the many-coloured, sterile sands, often layered with pebbles or shells, for their visual impact through clear glass.

What to plant

Some plants, such as ferns, prefer bright, indirect light, whereas a succulent, such as cactus, prefers a stronger, direct light.

- **Air plants,** which don't root in soil and are handily watered — with a good soaking every week or two — do well in terrariums, Aiello says.
- **Houseplants** in five- to 10-centimetre pots work best.

"When people come into my shop, it's filled with all these beautiful things from nature, and it feeds something in them that nothing else can," she says.

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▶ This pear-shaped terrarium houses both living and non-living components.

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▶ Terrariums today can be open, allowing for air to flow freely.

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▶ A glass cloche shelters moss, stones and two species of peperomia.

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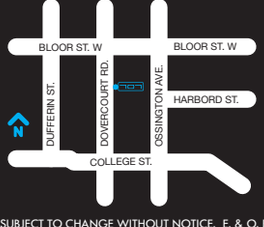

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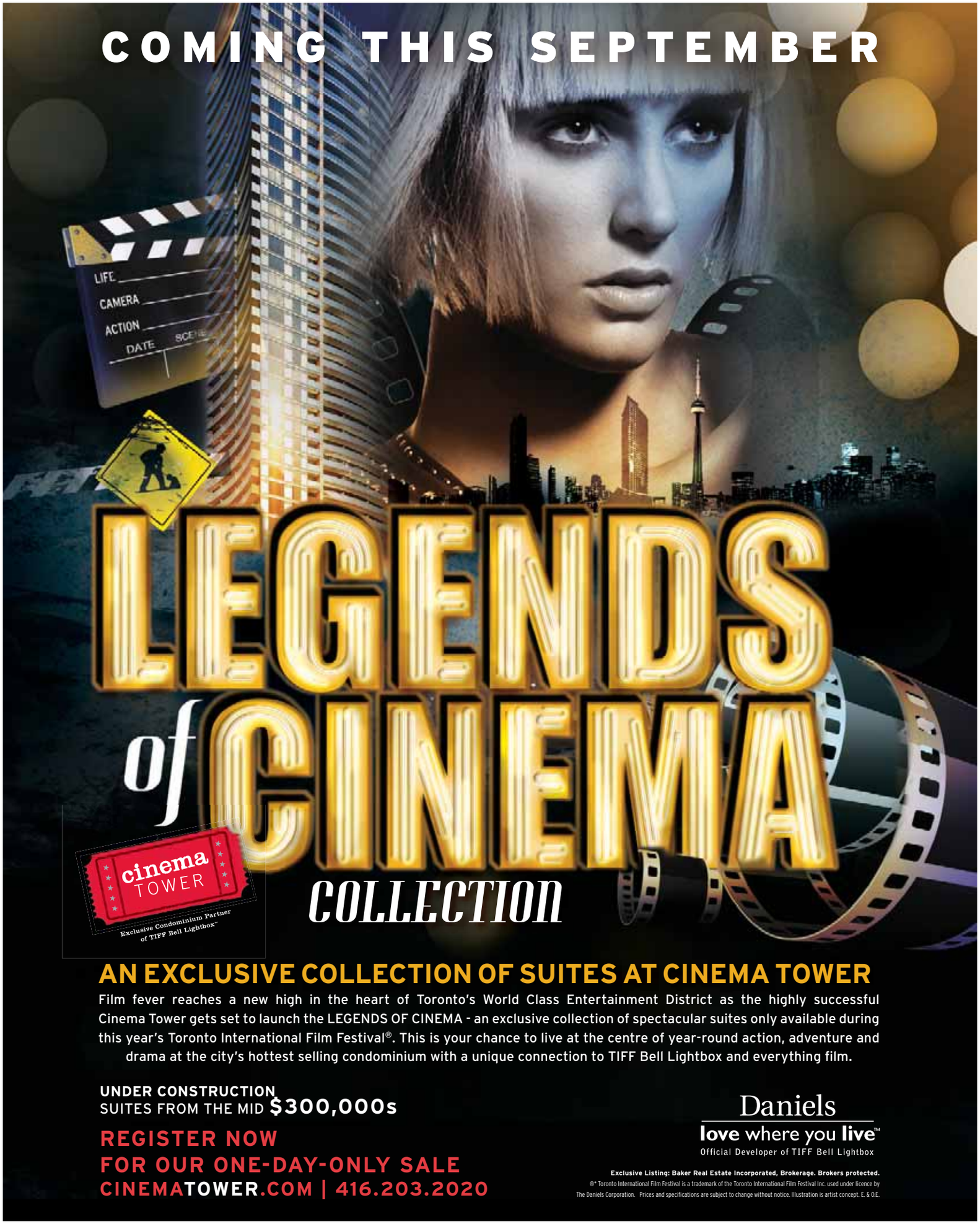
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- **Create a more elegant and welcoming house**

DIY IDEAS

They say "mothers know best" but this goes beyond just maternal wisdom and into the basics of how to manage a home.

When preparing for a visit, put down the duster and add these items to impress the one person with often the most discerning eye.

Crystal candleholders
Just like a valuable diamond bracelet that makes a whole outfit pop, so too does a treasured home accessory.

Whether crystal candleholders or antique table lamps, a mother always picks up on the embellishments that show good taste. Scatter such items around the space for a sophisticated look.

Framed family photos
Whether preparing for guests or decorating a home, it's important to remember that a home is not a hotel — it needs to be personal.

When entertaining, serving you-know-who's favourite dish or having a photo of her placed prominently in a room can often do more than any other preparation, warming up a room and… a mother-in-law's heart.

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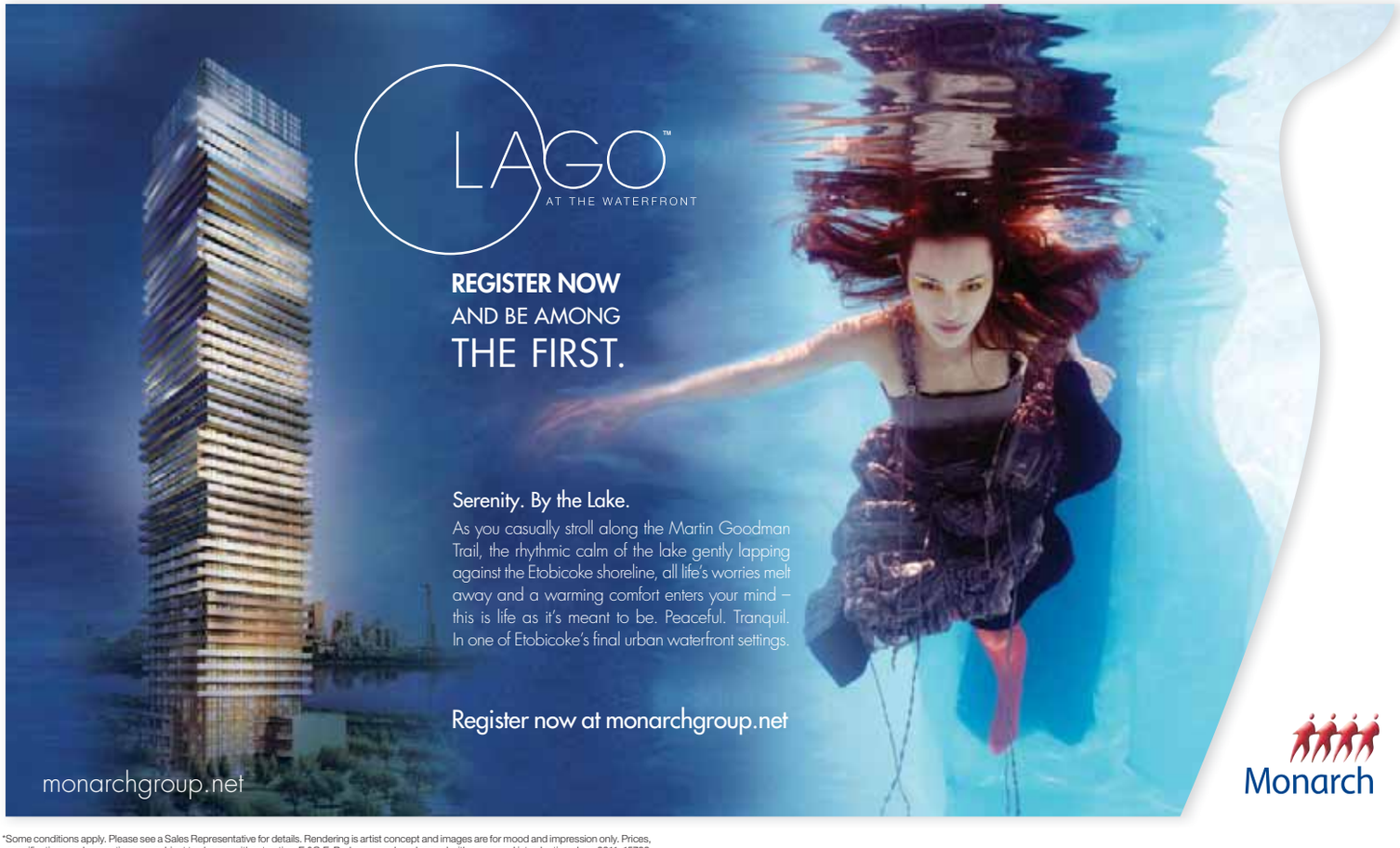
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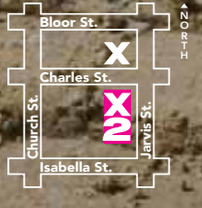

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Weekly Cookbook

Especially during the summer, you want to enjoy life's sweeter side without tipping the scales. That's where Sweet & Skinny by Marisa Churchill (Clarkson Potter, 2011) comes in.

In her debut book, Churchill, a pastry chef, presents 100 low-fat recipes (including 25 sugar-free variations). From quick weeknight desserts that take less than 30 minutes to elegant finales for dinner parties and holidays, Sweet & Skinny has everything to satisfy your cravings.

Among the recipes are: Red Velvet Cupcakes, Boston Cream Pie, Coconut Cake, Chocolate Peanut Butter Cups, Pecan Sticky-Bun Coffee Cake and many others.

Bring on the healthy fat

Salmon's unsaturated fats are key to its moist texture **Team it with a mushroom hash**

MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ The earthy flavour of the shiitake mushrooms with shredded potato complements the fish.

Though relatively high in fat — especially compared to most white fish — salmon is a great choice for a healthy diet.

That's because salmon's fats fall mostly in the good-for-your-heart unsaturated category. Which is a happy coincidence, because that fat happens to be key to salmon's moist texture and rich, indulgent flavour. It also makes it a breeze to cook. The oils in salmon make it hard to overcook and dry out.

So for a simple and healthy summer dinner, we've paired salmon with a mushroom hash. The earthy flavour of shiitake mushrooms mixed with shredded potatoes complements the rich fish. And a touch of soy sauce lends a pleasantly salty touch to cut through the oil.

Salmon with Shittake Mushrooms

Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil, divided
- 175 grams (6 oz) shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and sliced
- 2 shallots, chopped
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 2 small red potatoes, grated
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) low-sodium soy sauce
- Ground black pepper, to taste
- Four 125-gram (4-oz) salmon fillets
- 1 scallion, thinly sliced

Preparation:

1. In large sauté pan over high, heat 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the olive oil. Add mushrooms and sauté until well-browned, about 10 minutes. Lower heat to medium-high, then add the shallots and onion. Sauté for 6 to 8 minutes, or until the onion becomes soft. Add the potatoes and continue to cook until the potatoes are tender and beginning to brown. Season with the soy sauce and black pepper.
2. In another large sauté pan over medium-high, heat the remaining tablespoon of olive oil. Cook salmon fillets for 5 minutes per side, or to desired doneness. Serve each piece of salmon with the shiitake hash. Top everything with a sprinkling of scallions.

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Wheat berries: a fresh taste

Ingredients:

- 250 ml (1 cup) wheat berries, rinsed
- 250 ml (1 cup) peas
- 250 g (8 oz) slab bacon, about 2.5 cm (1 inch) thick
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lemon juice
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) hot pepper flakes
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped red onion
- (1/2 cup) chopped fresh coriander
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1.5 l (6 cups) arugula
- 500 ml (2 cups or 1 pint) cherry tomatoes, halved

Preparation:

1. In saucepan, bring wheat berries and at least 8 cups water to boil; reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 1 1/2 hours. Add peas; simmer 2 mins. Drain, rinse in colander.
2. Cut bacon into bite-size pieces. Cook in skillet over medium-low heat until lightly crisped; drain and keep warm.
3. In bowl, whisk lemon juice, honey, flakes. Add wheat berry mix, onion and coriander; toss. Season with salt, pepper.
4. Line 4 dinner plates with arugula. Top with wheat berry mix and bacon pieces. Garnish with tomato halves.

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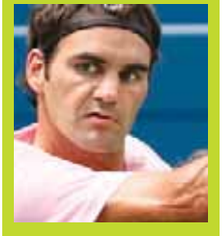

"Clearly I think it's a bit unfortunate for Canada to have two big events like this at the very same time. But I guess it's sometimes what it is."

ROGER FEDERER, WHO IS NOT A FAN OF THE ROGERS CUP'S NEW FORMAT THAT WILL SEE TORONTO AND MONTREAL EACH HOSTING TOURNAMENTS AT THE SAME TIME INSTEAD OF OVER BACK-TO-BACK WEEKS.

Rays put bruising on Jays in St. Petersburg

Toronto's lone bright spot Arencibia hits sixth home run in last 10 games

J. MERIC/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria throws to first for an out last night.

RAYS	JAYS
9	1

Robinson Chirinos hit his first major-league homer and drove in four runs, James Shields pitched into the eighth inning and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 9-1 last night.

Chirinos had a three-run shot off Carlos Villanueva (6-3) during a four-run third that put the Rays up 8-1. An inning earlier, he drove in a run with a bunt single.

Shields (10-9) allowed one run and three hits in 7 ⅓ innings. The right-hander struck out six and walked three.

The AL all-star was coming off a start last Wednesday where he gave up 10 runs over four innings in a 13-4 loss to Oakland.

Ben Zobrist and Casey Kotchman also homered for the Rays, who are 7-11 over their last 18 games.

Arencibia, who struck out in all four at-bats in the Blue Jays' 3-1 win over Tampa Bay on Tuesday night, cut the deficit to 4-1 with his 18th homer of the season leading off the third.

Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista had his third-inning pop fly caught by Rodriguez at shortstop for an out after the ball hit the highest of four catwalks at Tropicana Field.

Villanueva gave up eight runs and nine hits over 2 ⅔ innings.

Zobrist hit a solo homer, Sean Rodriguez bunted home a run, Chirinos drove in a run with his bunt hit and Johnny Damon added a sacrifice fly during a four-run second.

Kotchman had a solo homer before Chirinos' drive in the third broke open the game.

Matt Joyce made it 9-1 with an RBI single in the seventh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

League to probe A-Rod's alleged gambling

Yankees star Alex Rodriguez will be interviewed by Major League Baseball as part of its investigation of his involvement in illegal poker games.

Rodriguez also faced questions about his gambling habits in 2005, when the Daily News reported he attended games at an underground poker club in New York. The slugging third baseman later acknowledged "it wasn't the right thing to do," and checked with MLB before holding a charity poker tournament the following year.

Now baseball wants to talk to him again.

"We take this very seriously and have been investigating this matter since the initial allegation," MLB said yesterday in a statement.

Rodriguez is on the disabled list and wasn't with the team last night in Chicago.

"I don't really have any comment on that," manager Joe Girardi said before the Yankees played the White Sox. "Let baseball handle those things."

Star Magazine reported last month that several people saw A-Rod playing in games hosted at Hollywood hotels and residences. His publicist denied that Rodriguez participated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Cleo Lemon, left, has a laugh with Jeremaine Copeland as they practise on Tuesday.

Lemon's time 'right now'

Coach says next few games will be crucial test for Argos QB, who returns to action tonight

The Toronto Argonauts will have a familiar face under centre against the Montreal Alouettes tonight with the return of incumbent Cleo Lemon. He missed last weekend's heartbreaking 26-25 road loss in Edmonton due to a cracked tooth that left the nerve exposed.

"I'm excited," he said. "I love playing in big games like this and to play Montreal is always a tough matchup and I look forward to it."

Lemon suffered the injury after being hit in the first quarter by Winnipeg's Joe Lobendahn following a 14-yard run two weeks ago. It came after Lemon orchestrated a brilliant opening touchdown drive that saw him complete all five passes he attempted.

ALOUETTES ARGONAUTS

▶ **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
TV: TSN

"It's his time right now," Argos head coach/GM Jim Baker said. "We're going to see these next few games whether the Winnipeg quarter was how Cleo Lemon is going to be as a quarterback in this league, which is good enough to win a Grey Cup, or whether he's going to be inconsistent."

Turnovers and inconsistency have plagued Lemon this season. Lemon has completed 63-of-98 passes (64.3 per cent) for 728 yards but has more interceptions (three) than TDs (two). Both Lemon and rookie tailback Chad Kackert have committed a league-high four fumbles.

"(Lemon) has practised very well this week and knows exactly what he wants to do with the ball," Barker said. "That's the whole key with him, getting the ball out on time and making good decisions in the running game.

"His fumbles this year have come on poor decisions in the running game. ... He has to do a better job there of not turning the ball over." THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL TRADE

Bruce a Lion

The B.C. Lions are gambling veteran receiver Arland Bruce will give them a spark to help the struggling team turn its season around.

B.C. obtained Bruce from the Hamilton Tiger-Cats yesterday in a trade for a third-round draft pick in 2012 and an additional conditional selection.

The Lions, the CFL's only winless team at 0-5, are hoping Bruce brings some veteran experience to a young receiving corps that has dropped passes at critical times.

"A guy like Arland Bruce, I think for us gives us a very dependable, big-time receiver that is really going to help balance the field," Wally Buono, B.C.'s coach and general manager, said after his team practised.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	68	41	.624	—
New York	66	42	.611	1½
Tampa Bay	57	52	.523	11
Toronto	56	54	.509	12½
Baltimore	43	63	.406	23½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	59	51	.536	—
Cleveland	54	54	.500	4
Chicago	52	56	.481	6
Minnesota	50	59	.459	8½
Kansas City	46	63	.422	12½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	61	50	.550	—
Los Angeles	60	50	.545	½
Oakland	49	62	.441	12
Seattle	48	62	.436	12½

Yesterday's results
Seattle 7, Oakland 4
Detroit 5, Texas 4
Boston 4, Cleveland 3
Tampa Bay 9, Toronto 1
Baltimore at Kansas City
N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox
Minnesota at L.A. Angels
Tuesday's results
Detroit 6 Texas 5
Boston 3 Cleveland 2
Toronto 3 Tampa Bay 1
Baltimore 8 Kansas City 2
N.Y. Yankees 6 Chicago White Sox 0, 7 innings
L.A. Angels 5 Minnesota 1
Seattle 4 Oakland 2
Today's games
Toronto (Cecil 4-4) at Tampa Bay (W.Davis 8-7), 12:10 p.m.
Texas (Ogando 10-5) at Detroit (Penny 7-8), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Masterson 8-7) at Boston (Bedard 4-7), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Britton 6-8) at Kansas City (Francis 4-11), 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 9-4) at Chicago White Sox (Humber 8-7), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Liriano 7-8) at L.A. Angels (Chatwood 6-7), 10:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
AdGonzalez Bos	106	436	76	155	.356
MiYoung Tex	108	430	54	144	.335
Kotchman TB	93	316	28	103	.326
Bautista Tor	98	343	79	111	.324
VMartinez Det	94	347	49	111	.320
Ellsbury Bos	107	443	81	141	.318
JhPeralta Det	98	353	47	112	.317
MiCabrera Det	109	381	73	119	.312
Pedroia Bos	105	423	73	132	.312
MeCabrera KC	105	455	69	139	.305

HOME RUNS — Bautista, Toronto, 32; Teixeira, New York, 31; Granderson, New York, 28; Konerko, Chicago, 25; NCruz, Texas, 24; MarReynolds, Baltimore, 24; MiCabrera, Detroit, 22.
Not including yesterday's results

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	71	39	.645	—
Atlanta	64	48	.571	8
Florida	55	55	.500	16
New York	55	55	.500	16
Washington	53	57	.482	18

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	62	50	.554	—
St. Louis	58	53	.523	3½
Pittsburgh	54	55	.495	6½
Cincinnati	54	56	.491	7
Chicago	46	65	.414	15½
Houston	36	74	.327	25

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	62	49	.559	—
Arizona	61	50	.550	1
Colorado	51	60	.459	11
Los Angeles	50	59	.459	11
San Diego	47	64	.423	15

Yesterday's results
Atlanta 6 Washington 4
Milwaukee 10 St. Louis 5
Philadelphia 8 Colorado 6
San Francisco 8 Arizona 1
Chicago Cubs 1, Pittsburgh 0
Florida at New York, ppd., rain
Cincinnati at Houston
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego
Tuesday's results
Washington 9, Atlanta 3
Chicago Cubs 11, Pittsburgh 6
Florida 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati 5, Houston 1
St. Louis 8, Milwaukee 7, 11 innings
Philadelphia 5, Colorado 0
L.A. Dodgers 1, San Diego 0
Arizona 6, San Francisco 1
Tonight's games
Chicago Cubs (R.Lopez 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Lohse 9-7) at Florida (Ani.Sanchez 6-4), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Detwiler 1-0) at Colorado (Rogers 4-1), 8:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 10-7) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 6-10), 10:15 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Florida, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Washington at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
JosReyes NYM	95	419	79	142	.339
Braun Mil	100	369	69	119	.322
Votto Cin	109	406	69	130	.320
DanMurphy NYM	106	382	47	122	.319
Kemp LAD	108	392	66	125	.319
Morse Wash	98	339	48	107	.316
Holliday StL	84	298	59	94	.315
Pence Pha	104	416	52	128	.308
Helton Col	97	326	45	100	.307
McCann Atl	91	333	43	102	.306

HOME RUNS — Berkman, St. Louis, 28; Kemp, Los Angeles, 26; Stanton, Florida, 25; Fielder, Milwaukee, 24; Pujols, St. Louis, 24; Howard, Philadelphia, 23; Uggla, Atlanta, 22; JUpton, Arizona, 22.
Not including yesterday's results

RAYS 9, BLUE JAYS 1

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
YEscor ss	4	0	1	0	Jnngs lf-cf	5	0	2	0
Rasms cf	4	0	1	0	Damon dh	3	0	0	1
Bautist 3b	2	0	0	0	Ruggin ph-lf	1	0	0	0
JMcDnl 3b	1	0	0	0	Longori 3b	4	0	0	0
Lind 1b	3	0	0	0	Zobrist 2b	5	2	2	1
Teahen 1b	1	0	0	0	Ktchm 1b	4	1	2	1
Encrnc dh	4	0	1	0	BUpton cf	4	1	1	0
EThms rf	3	0	0	0	McGee p	0	0	0	0
A.Hill 2b	3	0	1	0	BGoms p	0	0	0	0
Snider lf	4	0	0	0	Joyce rf	4	2	3	1
Arencii c	3	1	1	1	SRdrgz ss	1	2	0	1
EJhnsn ph-ss	1	0	0	0					
Chirins c	2	1	2	4					
Totals	**32**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**		**34**	**9**	**12**	**9**
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Tampa Bay					044	000	10x		9	

E—C.Villanueva (1). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 7. 2B—Encarnacion (27), Joyce (23). 3B—Jennings (2). HR—Arencibia (18), Zobrist (15), Kotchman (5), Chirinos (1). S—S.Rodriguez. SF—Damon.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
C.Villanueva L,6-3	2 2-3	9	8	8	0	1
Litsch	3 1-3	0	0	0	2	5
Ledezma	1	3	1	1	1	3
Camp	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay						
Shields W,10-9	7 1-3	3	1	1	3	6
McGee	1	2	0	0	0	2
B.Gomes	2-3	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:39. A—11,803 (34,078).

TENNIS

ATP LEGG MASON CLASSIC
At Washington
Singles — Second Round
Nikolay Davydenko (9), Russia, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-3, 7-5.
Michael Russell, U.S., def. Xavier Malisse (14), Belgium, 7-6 (4), 2-3 retired.
Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Wayne Odesnik, U.S., 6-1, 6-1.

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MEN
Singles
Second Round
Bobby Reynolds (2), U.S., def. Luca Gregorc, Slovenia, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.
Clement Reix, France, def. Fritz Wolmarans (7), South Africa, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6(9).
James Ward (5), Britain, def. Erik Chvojka, Montreal, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Alex Bogdanovic, Britain, def. Yen-Hsun Lu (1), Taiwan, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Doubles
First Round
Yuichi Sugita, Japan, and Grega Zemlja, Slovenia, def. Clement Reix, France, and Dusan Vemic, Serbia, 6-3, 6-4.
WOMEN
Singles
First Round
Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Heidi El Tabakh, Toronto, 7-5, 6-2.
Anne Keothavong (2), Britain, def. Ling Zhang, Hong Kong, 6-4, 6-1.
Irina Falconi (3), U.S., def. Kathrin Woerle, Germany, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1.
Arina Rodionova, Russia, def. Gail Brodsky, U.S., 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.
Julia Cohen, U.S., def. Eugenie Bouchard, Westmount, Que., 7-5, 6-4.
Olivia Rogowska, Australia, def. Misaki Doi (5), Japan, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Julia Glushko, Israel, def. **Sharon Fichman, Toronto,** 6-3, 6-4.
Doubles
First Round
Anne Kremer, Luxembourg, and Sally Peers, Australia, def. Maria Kondratieva, Russia, and Sophie Lefevre (2), France, 6-3, 6-2.
Jamie Hampton, U.S., and Noppawan Lertcheewakarn, Thailand, def. Monique Adamczak, Australia, and Kumiko Iijima, Japan, 7-6(3), 6-3.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Winnipeg	5	4	1	0	124	94	8
Montreal	5	3	2	0	159	129	6
Hamilton	5	3	2	0	132	112	6
Toronto	5	1	4	0	105	142	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Edmonton	5	5	0	0	153	99	10
Calgary	5	3	2	0	117	117	6
Saskatchewan	5	1	4	0	101	160	2
B.C.	5	0	5	0	126	161	0

WEEK SIX
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Montreal at **Toronto,** 7:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.
Saskatchewan at B.C., 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Hamilton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Whyte, Mtl	0	17	13	1	57
Duval, Edm	0	16	11	8	57
Palardy, Wpg	0	9	15	2	56
Medlock, Ham	0	13	12	3	51
McCallum, BC	0	11	12	1	48
E.Johnson, Sask	0	10	9	4	41
Paredes, Cal	0	8	9	3	38
Prefontaine, Tor	0	8	8	0	32
Kackert, Tor	5	0	0	0	30
Stala, Ham	5	0	0	0	30
Stamps, Edm	5	0	0	0	30
Bratton, Mtl	4	0	0	0	24
Edwards, Wpg	4	0	0	0	24
Cates, Sask	3	0	0	0	18
Cornish, Cal	3	0	0	0	18
Foster, BC	3	0	0	0	18
Porter, Edm	3	0	0	0	18
Richardson, Mtl	3	0	0	0	18
Robertson, BC	3	0	0	0	18
C.Williams, Ham	3	0	0	0	18
Barnes, Edm	2	0	0	0	12
Brown, BC	2	0	0	0	12
Cobourne, Ham	2	0	0	0	12
Dressler, Sask	2	0	0	0	12
Durant, Sask	2	0	0	0	12
Green, Mtl	2	0	0	0	12
Jeffers-Harris, Wpg	2	0	0	0	12
Joseph, Edm	2	0	0	0	12
Lemon, Tor	2	0	0	0	12
McPherson, Mtl	2	0	0	0	12
Messam, Edm	2	0	0	0	12
Whitaker, Mtl	2	0	0	0	12
Shaw, Tor	0	3	1	1	7
Banks, BC	1	0	0	0	6
Bishop, Cal	1	0	0	0	6
Black, Tor	1	0	0	0	6
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Boyd, Tor	1	0	0	0	6
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Diedrick, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
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Henry, Edm	1	0	0	0	6
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Hughes, Sask	1	0	0	0	6
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Lulay, BC	1	0	0	0	6
Mann, Ham	1	0	0	0	6
Maypray, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Peterson, BC	1	0	0	0	6
Porter, Ham	1	0	0	0	6

ACTIVITY

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated RHP Ubaldo Jimenez. Optioned RHP David Huff to Columbus (IL). Assigned OF Travis Buck outright to Columbus.
DETROIT TIGERS — Activated RHP David Pauley. Designated LHP David Purcey for assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Assigned LHP Jerry Blevins outright to Sacramento (PCL). Recalled 2B Adam Rosales from Sacramento. Agreed to terms with RHP Drew Gagnier and assigned him to the Arizona League Athletics.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Placed 3B Chone Figgins on the 15-day DL. Recalled 3B Kyle Seager from Tacome (PCL) and RHP Tom Wilhelmsen from Jackson (SL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Activated RHP Mike Adams.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES — Assigned INF Diory Hernandez outright to Gwinnett (IL).
FLORIDA MARLINS — Assigned LHP James Leverton and RHP Alex Caldera to Greensboro (SAL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Activated C Ryan Doumit from the 60-day DL. Optioned C Eric Fryer to Indianapolis (IL). Agreed to terms with RHP Jake Burnette.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Assigned 2B Bill Hall outright to Fresno (PCL).

BASKETBALL

NBA
DETROIT PISTONS — Named Lawrence Frank coach.

FOOTBALL

NFL
CHICAGO BEARS — Waived TE Draylen Ross.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed RB Cedric Benson, LB Brandon Johnson and LB Manny Lawson.
DETROIT LIONS — Released LB Zack Follett, LB Korey Bosworth and DB Jack Williams. Signed DE Greg Banks.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed FB Lawrence Vickers.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed DB Javes Lewis and CB Mario Ruussell.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed T Matt Light. Signed C Chris Morris, RB Ben-Jarvus Green-Ellis, OL Jonathan Compas and RB Richard Medlin. Released RB Thomas Clayton and OL Mike Berry.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed RB Andre Brown, WR Mark Clayton, OT Stacy Andrews and RB Ahmad Bradshaw.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Agreed to terms with OT Ryan Harris on a one-year contract and WR Cordario Calvin. Signed WR Brandon Caleb. Waived LB Terence Thomas and TE John Nalbone.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed CB Carlos Rogers and S Madieu Williams to one-year contracts.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed PK Jeff Reed, CB Kelly Jennings, LB Michael Johnson, TE Zach Miller, RB Chase Reynolds and DE Jimmy Wilkerson. Released DT Ladi Ajiboye, PK Wes Byrum, G Michael Huey, QB Zac Lee and LB Blake Sorensen.

CFL
HAMILTON TIGER-CATS — Traded WR Arland Bruce to British Columbia for a 2012 third-round draft pick and a conditional draft pick.

HOCKEY

NHL
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with F Patrick Sharp on a five-year contract extension.
OTTAWA SENATORS — Re-signed F Kaspars Daugavins to a one-year contract.
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Signed D Colin White.

SOCCER

MLS
Last night's results
Kansas City 2 Real Salt Lake 0
Philadelphia at Chicago
Los Angeles at Portland
Friday's game
Columbus at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

UEFA

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
Yesterday's results
Rubin Kazan (Russia) 2, Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 1, Rubin Kazan advances on 4-1 aggregate
Trabzonspor (Turkey) 1, Benfica (Portugal) 1, Benfica advances on 3-1 aggregate
Vaslui (Romania) 0, FC Twente (Netherlands) 0, Twente advances on 2-0 aggregate
Zurich (Switzerland) 1, Standard Liege (Belgium) 0, Zurich advances on 2-1 aggregate
Champions Route
Malmo (Sweden) 1, Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 1, Malmo advances on 2-1 aggregate
Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) 0, APOEL (Cyprus) 2, APOEL advances on 2-0 aggregate
Viktoria Plzen (Czech Republic) 3, Rosenborg (Norway) 2, Viktoria Plzen advances 4-2 on aggregate
Sturm Graz (Austria) 1, Zestafoni (Georgia) 0, Sturm Graz advances on 2-1 aggregate
Wisla Krakow (Poland) 3, Litex Lovech (Bulgaria) 1, Wisla Krakow advances on 5-2 aggregate
Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia) 1, HJK Helsinki (Finland) 0, Dinamo Zagreb advances on 3-1 aggregate
Maribor (Slovenia) 1, Maccabi Haifa (Israel) 1, Maccabi Haifa advances on 3-2 aggregate
Partizan Belgrade (Serbia) 1, Genk (Belgium) 1, Genk advances on 3-2 aggregate

CONCACAF

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
PRELIMINARY ROUND
Last night's results
Alianza (El Salvador) at Dallas (U.S.)
Isidro Metapan (El Salvador) at Puerto Rico Islanders
Morelia (Mexico) at Tempete (Haiti)
Santos Laguna (Mexico) at Olimpia (Honduras), 10 p.m.
San Francisco (Panama) at Seattle (U.S.), 10 p.m.
Tuesday's result
Toronto 2 Real Esteli (Nicaragua) 1 (Toronto advances 4-2 on aggregate)

Hominick wants shot at UFC 140

MMA circuit's second Toronto card will be held at ACC ‘I think it will be louder in that venue': Hominick

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If Mark Hominick has his way, we'll see him back in the octagon at UFC 140 in Toronto.

"More than likely, I'll be on that card because I know the UFC would be happy to have me on that card," the Thamesford, Ont., native said yesterday.

The UFC confirmed yesterday it would stage an event Dec. 10 at the Air Canada Centre, following the record-setting success of UFC 129 in Toronto.

There were 55,724 fans at Rogers Centre and at the end of the featherweight title fight, they were on their feet cheering as Hominick rallied but came up short against Jose Aldo.

"This is a bit of a longer layoff than what I'm used to," said Hominick, who hasn't fought since Toronto back on April 30. "I feel I perform better when I'm fighting probably three or four times a year.

"But if I do fight in December, this will be my third fight of the year, so I'm on pace."

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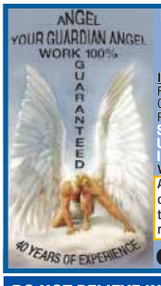

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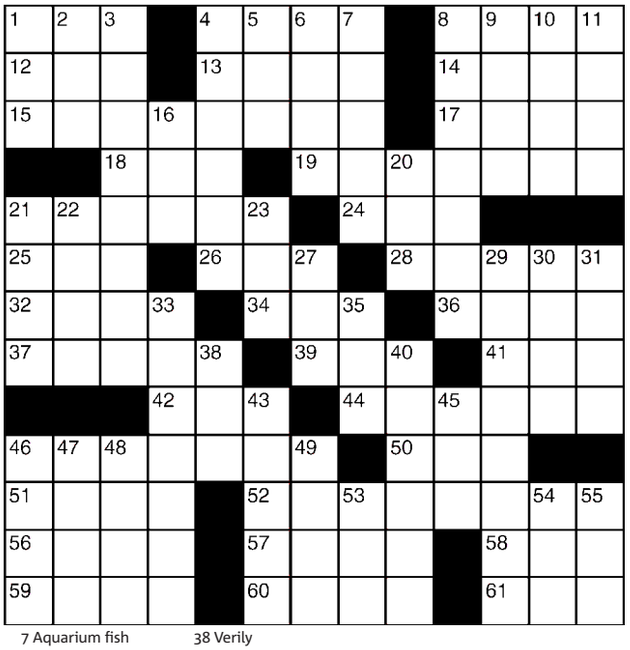

Across

1 Six-pack muscles
4 "Huh?"
8 Slender
12 Speck
13 Ginormous
14 Last few notes
15 Good poker hand
17 Stead
18 Possess
19 Weapon collection
21 San Fernando, for one
24 Melody
25 Have a bug
26 Witnessed
28 Stickum
32 March 15, e.g.
34 Central
36 Bring to a halt
37 Bold
39 Roscoe
41 Regret
42 Conger, e.g.
44 Coy
46 Puts in the wrong place
50 Tatter
51 Help slyly
52 Vigor
56 Paddock papa
57 "My bad"
58 Writer Buscaglia
59 Despot
60 Dalai —
61 Tackle's teammate

Down

1 Billboards
2 Automaton, for short
3 Modern-day pram
4 Complains feebly
5 Embrace
6 Ottoman bigwig
7 Aquarium fish
8 Eyeball coats
9 Pork cut
10 Concept
11 Manhandle
16 Piercing tool
20 Taste
21 Futile
22 Staffer
23 Sweet potato kin
27 Peruke
29 Fight
30 Go sightseeing
31 Duel tool
33 Less corpulent
35 Old man
38 Verily
40 Singer Brewer
43 Disinfectant brand
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46 Spar
47 Wading bird
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49 Old portico
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Sudoku

		1	8			2		
7	8			4	5			
9			3				5	
8				7				9
		6				5		
2				1				8
	4				3			1
			7	6			9	5
		3			9	6		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	9	7	4	2	8	3	6	1
2	1	8	3	7	6	9	4	5
3	4	6	1	5	9	8	2	7
8	7	3	9	6	2	1	5	4
4	5	1	7	8	3	6	9	2
9	6	2	5	4	1	7	3	8
7	2	9	8	3	4	5	1	6
6	3	5	2	1	7	4	8	9
1	8	4	6	9	5	2	7	3

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Sunny
Friday
30°/21°
Partly cloudy
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Someone in a position of power will say nice things about you. His or her flattery has other motives.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't let a rival drive a wedge between you and someone you love.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If someone tries to take liberties, you must deal with him or her harshly. Tread on toes if you must.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you let something that seems trivial pass today, others will take it as a sign you can be bullied.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Do what you can to please a person whose support you rely on but don't go to extremes or make empty promises.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Others will respect you more today if you say what you mean and mean what you say.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Stop worrying that not all your plans have worked out as expected.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 The more others appeal to your sense of duty, the more you should be suspicious of their motives.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Don't trust what you are told just because the person doing the telling is some sort of expert.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 The only way out of your predicament is to face your unhappiness.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Family members need to be reminded that you care about their wellbeing. Spend time with them.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If someone at work acts out of character, think about it and ask how you can help. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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